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Anger as Redwood joins 'carpetbagging' company

JOHN REDWOOD, the Conservative spokesman on trade and industry, was last night at the ber of small building societies, centre of a row over his role as a director of a company set up to profit from accelerating the process of turning building societies into banks.

Murray Financial is being launched by Ken Murray, an

friendly societies and mutual life assurance companies. The company's shares will start trading on London's Alternative Investment Market (AIM) next Monday.

Murray Financial is the only Edinburgh-based financier, directorship Mr Redwood from demutualisation, Mr Redspecifically to take over a numbers of building societies,

at 10p each. He will be paid £12,000 a year as a non-executive director.

When asked whether his position as a shadow spokesman, with a portfolio that includes competition policy, conflicted with being director of a com-

of wider share ownership." Last night, there was scep-

ticism as to whether such would flourish. Adrian Coles, the director-general of the **Building Societies Association**, which represent the remaining 70-odd societies, said: "I would be surprised if any building so-

Kerry Pollard, the Labour MP for St Albans and spokesman for the pressure group Save Our Building Societies, said: "I think John Redwood should be the last to be involved in this kind of thing."

Murray Financial stressed that all its deals will be "voluntary". It will seek to persuade

for instance, to vote to ditch mu- and friendly societies, and, by tual status in favour of becoming a bank. Murray Financial would then take over ownership of the new institution in exchange for company shares.

Instead of a windfall cash payment, building society savers and borrowers would get shares in the new company. Mr Murray hopes to repeat the process on a series of building

stripping out costs by closing offices, seeks to create a profitable company able to give shareholders high dividends.

Mr Redwood stressed that all Murray Financial's deals with the members of the societies concerned.

Alan Davies, the chief exec-

by the society's members on outspoken champion of mutuality, he was sceptical of Murray Financial's prospects. "All would be done by agreement to are very keen to stay small mutuals. I have to say it sounds a very strange venture. And I find Mr Redwood's involve-

Minister vows to overturn school system

By Judith Judd Education Editor

SWEEPING CHANGES to the form pupils' lives by the next century, the Government promised yesterday.

Stephen Byers, the school standards minister, said that 25 education action zones would challenge the status quo by introducing longer school days, a different school year and new types of lessons.

Teachers warned, however, that they would resist any changes to their pay and conditions caused by longer work-

Zones, which will involve groups of schools in areas where pupils are underachieving, will attract £56m over three years from the taxpayer and £19m from business.

The first 12 zones will start in September and the rest in January. More are expected next September and ministers are hoping that parents will bid to set up new zones where they are unhappy with local schools.

Mr Byers said: "Let there be no doubt that education action zones present a fundamental challenge to the educational status quo, a real threat to the vested interests which have for too long held back our education system."

Household names such as Rolls-Royce, Kelloggs, Tate and Lyle, and American Express are business partners in the zones with local authorities or groups of schools. British Aerospace, for example, will help plan the curriculum in Hull.

Most will be led by local authorities but two, ministers say, will be led by business: Shell International will take the lead in Lambeth, south London, and Comcast, a cable, telephone and television provider in Middlesbrough. The Halifax bank will be "a driving force" in the

Calderdale zone. The 25 successful bids chosen from a total of 60 applications include proposals for. ■ a tailor-made television channel bringing the classroom into pupils' living rooms in Grimsby. ■ an increase of 50 per cent in school opening hours in Birm-

■ investigation of a school year

classes and breakfast clubs in ■ work-related lessons for dis-

affected 14- to 16-year-olds in Brighton and Newcastie. A quarter of the zones are considering whether to vary

teachers' pay and conditions to accommodate longer school days and weekend and holiday working.

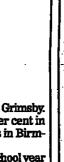
of State for Education, said the aim was to transform and modernise schools: "There is no alternative to radical solutions to difficult problems. The traditional solutions are not working in these areas. It is not our intention to return to the educa-

a year from the Government and £250,000 from business for schools and up to 15 primaries. They will be run by forums including representatives of local authorities, business, teachers and parents. In the business led zones, company representano profit-making company will

education spokesman David Willetts said that zones would be 'left in the hands of the very local education authorities that even the Department for Edu-

other example of the Government talking tough rhetoric but the reality is different."

Association of Head Teachers, said: "If education action zones take off nationally, they will represent the biggest change the education system has seen in decades. They will become the Trojan Horse which could well destroy local education authorities as we know them."



Croydon. ■ a longer school day, Saturday

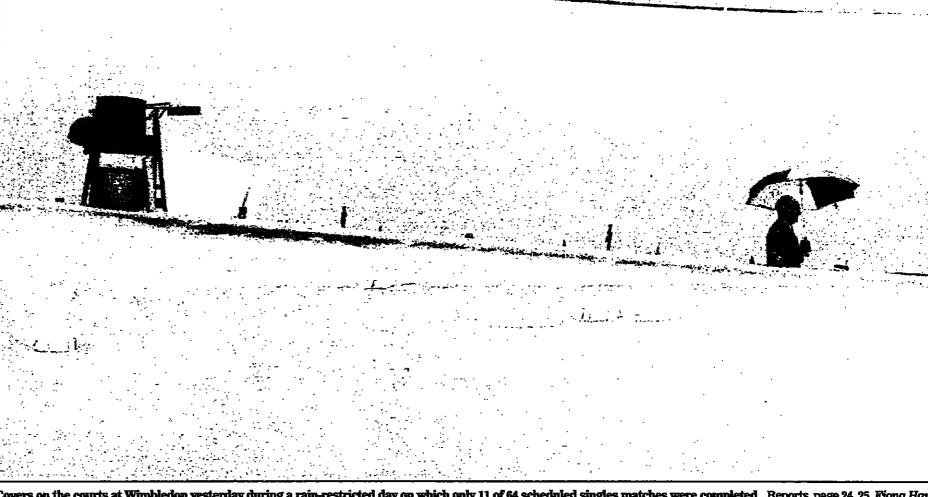
David Bhmkett, the Secretary tion system that we inherited."

All zones will receive £750,000 three years and must set targets to raise standards. Each will involve several secondary tives will chair the forums but

Responding for the Tories.

cation believes has failed". He added: "This is yet an-

David Hart, of the National



Covers on the courts at Wimbledon yesterday during a rain-restricted day on which only 11 of 64 scheduled singles matches were completed Reports, page 24, 25 Fiona Hanson

Campbell 'wiped tapes'

TAPES OF Number 10 Press By Colin Brown briefings were demanded last night by a cross-party select committee, but Alastair Campbell, the Prime Minister's official spokesman, told MPs that

most of them had been wiped. Mr Campbell said he would iscuss with Sir Richard Wilson, the Cabinet Secretary, whether daily summaries of the lobby briefings should be supplied to the committee chaired by Labour MP Rhodri Morgan. But he said most of the tapes were re-used and permanent

copies were not kept. He is also

TWO of the most dangerous

mobsters in Italy, on trial this

week in one of the country's top-

security courtrooms, threw

proceedings into confusion

when, under the stern gaze of

judge, jury, lawyers and police,

they suddenly...disappeared.

Ali Ferdinando Cesarano

and Giuseppe Autorino left be-

hind in the prisoners' cage of

the bunker courtoom in Saler-

no were two unused flares. Ap-

parently they had planned to

vanish in a puff of smoke - but

even that was not needed to

They had instead simply

Chief Political Correspondent

to consider keeping a permanent taped record of all future

The key tape the Tory MPs on the committee demanded was of his briefing over Tony Blair's alleged intervention on behalf of Rupert Murdoch with the Italian Prime Minister, Romano Prodi. The MPs said he had described the reports as "crap", but the Italian press reported the incident as true.

BY ANNE HANLEY

by a waiting car.

dropped through a trapdoor in

the floor, slid down a freshly-dug

tunnel, run across surrounding

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torino had been responsible

for reinvesting the profits of the

Camorra - the Naples-area

mafia - in South America. Be

fore that, they had run their

hometown extortion racket and

Arrested in 1993 and 1994

coordinated clan killings.

For years, Cesarano and Au-

in Rome

Under questioning for more

than two hours, most of it he told the MPs that journalists friendly, Mr Campbell denied lying to journalists about the Murdoch affair and denied telling journalists that Richard Branson could get a knighthood

in two years' time. The sharpest exchanges with Mr Campbell came from two former Tory political advisers, now MPs, Andrew Tyrie and David Ruffley, who challenged him to produce the tapes of his briefings with journalists at Number 10.

Denying politicising the Whitehall information machine,

DO THEY MEAN THE MARIA

OR THE GOVERNMENT?

and Tory MPs appeared "obsessed" with his role. He disclosed that he had

discussed with Sir Richard Wilson the possibility of briefing on the defection to Labour last week of the former Tory MP, Sir Peter Temple Morris. After taking advice from the Cabinet Secretary that it was a "grey area", he decided not to do so. But Mr Campbell said he was committed to the Labour Party, and when the election

their stupor, Cesarano and

Autorino were well out of

range of police pistols and

had calmly disappeared into

the balmy southern Italian

The escape spelled deep

embarrassment for the Justice

Minister, Giovanni Flick, fol-

lowing other spectacular es-capes last month. "Flick should

do everyone a favour," one top

defence lawyer said. "He

should stop polluting the jus-

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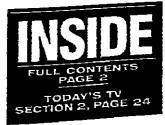
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Doctor rebuked over Aids 'cure' A Ugandan doctor trained in Britain who sells a vitamin supplement as an Aids treatment has been rebuked by the college of which he was a fellow.

Ministers' flawed advice on B6

The Government was condemned for accepting flawed advice to ban the sale over the counter of large doses

Abuse report condemns council A council apologised to dozens of mentally disabled people brutally abused while in its care following the publication of a damning independent report. Page 10

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Mystery as N Korean sub sinks

A North Korean submarine captured by its southern neighbour sank in 100ft of water after being towed to

Serbia in last chance saloon Richard Holbrooke toured Belgrade and other Balkan capitals as a final warning to Serbia to stop the fighting

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Three National Front supporters have been jailed for the murder of a black teenager while putting up elec-tion posters in Marseilles in 1995. Page 16

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BNFL 'wins US nuclear business' British Nuclear Fuels has beaten off the competition to win control of the nuclear side of the US company CBS

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Sears, the struggling retail group, is pressing ahead with its plans to de-merge Selfridges department store, despite a decline in current trading.

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Edwards plays last game for Bulls Shaun Edwards, the most successful player in the history of rugby league, has played his last game for the

Maoris maul England again

Tony Diprose was the only England rugby union play-

er to emerge with credit in a 62-14 mauling at the hands of the New Zealand Maoris in Rotorua. Page 23

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David McKittrick

To survive, and to prevail over all these opponents, Trimble must make a successful appeal to the Unionist electorate over the heads of those who cling to the old order.

Anne McElvoy

'Page 3 is becoming The Sun's Clause 4. Modernisers inside the paper want to ditch it on the grounds that it looks outdated and puts off female readers.' Page 4

Suzanne Moore

I liked Auberon Waugh's comment, that children of divorced parents should be put to death, as it seems the conclusion of Conservative huffing and puffing. Page 5

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1,000 teenage offenders have mental illness

NEARLY 1,000 teenagers held in By Ian Burrell. young offenders' institutions are believed to be suffering from psychiatric problems, but only one adolescent psychiatrist is employed by the prison service to help them.

New research released yesterday by Sir David Ramsbotham, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons, reveals that 46 per cent of offenders aged between 15 and 17 were assessed as having psychiatric disorders. Nearly one in five had deliberately inflicted injuries on themselves. But only one of the 24 institutions which holds such youngsters has a psychiatrist to treat them.

The study, carried out at the Portland Young Offenders Institution in Dorset, was published in Sir David's annual report yesterday. It showed that eight out of ten had failed to attain any formal educational qualifications. One in five had been disowned by their parents before the age of 15 and 34 per cent lived on their own or with friends. Only 18 per cent lived with their natural parents.

Home Affairs Correspondent

Sir David said: "I question whether any society can feel proud or easy about these statistics '

Dr Peter Misch, the only adolescent psychiatrist working for the prison service, said that Feltham YOL west London, was dealing with 50 young people a year with severe mental illness. "They should be sent to psychiatric hospitals but because of the lack of beds they are actually sent to prison." He said that young people

with psychiatric problems frequently resorted to selfcutting, mutilation and starting fires. The most common thing is to put nooses around their necks and make hanging attempts," he said. Sir David's criticisms may

fall on deaf ears at the Home Office, where sources indicated that prisons were "well down the priority list. The issue could lead to a confrontation between Sir David and the Home Secretary, Jack Straw, who has forts at rehabilitation.

warned Sir David to stick to his prisons remit and not to interfere in matters relating to the Crime and Disorder Bill

In his annual report, Sir David says that high-security dispersal prisons do not have enough money to conduct programmes of work, training and offending behaviour courses. Sir David also condemns a

lack of preparation for prisoners' release. At Winchester prison he found an armed robber due for release in seven weeks after 17 years inside, mostly isolated from other prisoners. The prison authorities had specifically ordered he should not get any resettlement training.

Training prisons, designed to provide inmates with skills to find jobs on release, suffer from a lack of resources, he says.

Nevertheless, Sir David is pleased the Labour government has moved from the Tories' "security, security, security" mantra and the service. albeit with limited resources, is allowed to make greater ef-

Prisoner, 18, stabbed during cookery class

A PRISONER was stabbed to death on his 18th birthday during a cookery lesson yesterday at a young offenders' institution. Alan Averill suffered a chest

wound during an incident at Stoke Heath Young Offenders' Institution near Market Drayton, Shropshire. He was airlifted to hospital, but died later. A Prison Service spokesman

said another prisoner had been put into segregation following the stabbing and police were investigating the incident. "Mr Averill was in a cookery lesson when he was found to

have suffered a chest wound. "It is understood that some that injury," the

BY IAN BURRELL

spokesman said. In April, Wolverhampton Crown Court sentenced Averill, from Wolverhampton, to a 12-month term for burglary, taking and driving The coroner has been in-

formed about his death. Inquest, an organisation which has monitored deaths in prison and police custody since 1981, said the killing was the only such death in a young offenders' institution that it was

Nick Flynn, of the Prison Reform Trust, said the tragedy levels of violence being expe-

rienced by young prisoners. The Chief Inspector of Prisons has identified bullying and violence as major issues to be dealt with at all YOIs and the fact that somebody has now died at one perhaps shows that the problems are worse than the chief inspector initially en-

A record 70 prisoners took their own lives in prisons last year, but homicides remain comparatively rare, at a rate of around one a year. ■ Approximately 20,000 televi-

visaged."

sion sets are to be ordered for cells over the next three to five years, Joyce Quin, the prisons closed in a Commons written reply last night.

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WEATHERLINE



Tony Blair at yesterday's opening of the Heathrow

Blair prefers airport rail link to Tube

Transport Corresponden

TONY BLATE Invided with yesterday on a futuristic 2570m nigh-speed link between central London and Heathrow sirport while taking a swipe at the alling Tube service.

Launching the Heathers Express service, the Prime Minister hailed the new trains as "comfortable and modera" and added: "The service will transform people's first impressions of London. We don't want their first experience to be the worst aspects of Tube travel. We can give them a better picture of London than that

Mr Blair said his experience of the ride on the Tube's dilapidated Piccadilly line to Heathrow was shaped by the journeys he made as a lowly Labour MP from his then home near Arsenal football ground to the airport in the Eighties.

The often over crowded Tube trains - which take at least 50 minutes to reach central London - cannot match the spa cious carriages of the 100mph Heathrow Express service. The modern design of the new trains, which run every 15 min utes, incorporates television screens and purpose built laggage space.

These luxuries do not come cheap. The 15-mile journey from London's Paddington station to Heathrow is the most expensive train trip in Britain. At £40, the first-class return fare is mile for mile more expensive' than Concorde. Even the cheapest fare - £10 - is three times the price of a Tube ticket.

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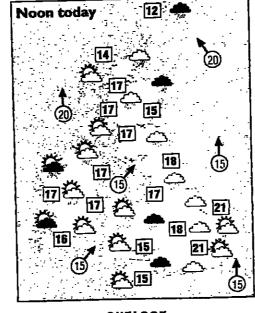
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The company defended the ticket prices, saying it had "market-tested" the fares.

Rail experts defended the Underground. "The Government has not put any more money into the London Underground which desperately needs " said Mel Holley deputy editor of Rail magazine. "Heathrow Express only delays dealing with the Underground Travellers arriving at Paddington will have to lug the baggage to the Tube station there anyway." Leading article



OUTLOOK

ast Anglia, south-east England and the east Midlands will have a warm an humid day with a little hazy sunshine, but thickening cloud will bring a threat of heavy showers late in the day. The rest of England, Wales and Scotland will be mainly cloudy with outbreaks of rain and hill-mist, although the west will become brighter in the afternoon with some sunshine.

Meanwhile, any early rain in the east of Northern Ireland will clear to leave

Tomorrow may start showery in East Angila and the extreme south-east of England, but it will become dry. The rest of eastern England and the em half of Scotland will have some sunshine and just isolated show but the western half of the UK will have heavy show

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The media man who is the message

BY DONALD MACINTYRE

WHEN SIR Richard Wilson, as Cabinet Secretary the most powerful civil servant in Whitehail, appears before a Commons Select Committee for the first time, it is barely noticed. When Alastair Campbell appears before the same committee, as he did last night it is such a big story that the BBC Today programme does three separate items on it in advance.

All of which Mr Campbell would regard as proving what he frequently and acerbically says in private - that the media is more obsessed with itself than with almost anything else - including the inner workings of government. He may have a

He is, nevertheless, the subject which not just the press but the Select Committee is really interested in - with Rhordi Morgan, the committee chairman, solemnly treating the issue of the tapes of Mr Campbell's on-the-record briefings as if they were something out of Watergate. What they are really examining is his power and how he exercises it.

Mr Campbell can dump on journalists who cross him. He has been known to be downright abusive to and about the BBC. He has huge charm and wit - but he can occasionally lose his temper.

As one experienced political editor who deeply admires his skill puts it: "He's like the little girl in the rhyme. When he's good, he's very very good. But when he's bad, he's horrid."

Implicit in both the awe. and the criticism, of Campbell is the fanciful notion that it is his own power he is exercising rather than that of his boss. Tony Blair, we are supposed to infer, would be quite happy say - for Harriet Harman and Frank Field to thrash out their differences in public.

Don't believe a word of it. True, as one (but only one) of Blair's closest friends and confidantes he has real influence; he will, for example be among the select few consulted on next month's reshuffle. But the authority he exercises in Whitehall is not his own but th Prime Minister's.

Blair, in other words, may seem like a nice, laid-back kind of guy. But that's possible be-cause Alastair Campbell, with Blair's full approval, is some-

times just the opposite. And to understand the limits of Campbell's alleged omnipotence, consider his famously old Labour views on education. He was personally aggrieved by Harriet Harman's decision to send a son to grammar school. He would probably ideally like grammar schools



What the select committee are really interested in is Campbell's power and how he exercises it

ished. But if he said so he would be sacked within minutes. If John Prescott said so, it would cause a huge public debate on the future of education policy; but having a base which is not exclusively dependent on Blair, he would be

and public schools to be abol- highly unlikely to lose his job. It's true that before the local elections Richard Wilson warned Campbell, as permanent secretaries throughout Whitehall warned their departmental press officers, not to use their jobs to score party political points. It's also true

than a little cavalier when, defending him in the Commons, he commented approvingly that one reason he was under attack was that "he does an effective job attacking the Conservative Party."

That was indeed one of his

that Tony Blair was being more jobs in oppposition, but it's not what the taxpayers have been forking out his £87,000 salary for since the election. But he appears to know that now. Last week he consulted Wilson on whether he was within the rules to brief on Peter Temple Morris's defection to Labour,

including the distinctly dim view that Mr Temple Morris took of William Hague's leadership qualities. Wilson said the case was borderline, and Campbell didn't do it, leaving it to the party to handle.

What he does have is a lot of knowledge. He is Top Secret Postively Vetted - Whitehallspeak for being cleared to receive the most sensitive documents. If a Bosnia war criminal is about to be snatched by the SAS, Campbell will know about it in advance.

The first of several conversations he has with the Prime Minister every day often takes place before he reaches the office at around 7.30am, having read the media brief faxed to his home in South Hampstead about an hour earlier. He never lunches. And because he does have such close relationship with Blair, he has no urge, already working a 100-hour week, to attend at meetings he doesn't have to be at.

He doesn't do everything. One of Blair's undoubted talents is to use horses for courses. Campbell was the right choice to bring the Tottenham boss Alan Sugar over to Labour before the election and to arrange the Japanese Prime minister's famous "apology" in the Sun. He wouldn't be the right man to co-ordinate a government initiative on the performing arts. He did, when asked, as he surprisingly frequently is on such matters, give his opinion who would make a good political editor at the Daily Express.

He would probably admit that he could have handled the notorious Clinton letter on Ulster - which went to the Sun when the Mirror thought it had it exclusively - than he did. And he should have been more open, an earlier, than he was about Blair's famous phone call to Romano Prodi.

But journalists aren't - or shouldn't be - prairie flowers. There are certainly times when they should argue back more than they do. But the best batsmen know how to play spin.

What they get with Campbell is someone with high intelligence and scarcely-rivalled knowledge – more even than Sir Bernard Ingham had of Margaret Thatcher - and, for the most part, a willingness to share it. And they know exactly where he's coming from.

For that, they are probably not playing that heavy a price. When all's said and done he doesn't have all the power routinely attributed to him. He's not a politician, after all. If Blair stood down, he'd be off perhaps, who knows, to write the blockbuster inside-account of life at the top publishers would die for.

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On message and off message ...

Alastair likes... Bagpipes. Campbell was taught to play them by his father, a Scottish vet, and at one time he earned extra

cash by busking. "The French are much nicer to buskers than the British," he once said, "and they like pipe music."

Bernard Ingham, Margaret Thatcher's press officer. "It would be absolutely presumptuous of me to assume I'm going to do Bernard Ing-ham's job. But if I can do for Tony in opposition what Bernard did for Maggie in office, I would do pretty well," he

said after he was appointed.

Burnley Football Club. When Campbell held a party at the Reform Club to celebrate his appointment as Blair's press secretary, the chairman and manager of Burnley FC were invited, as well as Neil Kinnock and James Callaghan.

Alastair doesn't like... Alcohol. As a young reporter Campbell drank heavily but

gave up after a breakdown. He once said that on a not untypical day he consumed 15 pints of beer, half a bottle of Scotch and four bottles of wine with David Mellor over

Pornography. When Edwina Currie put the parliamentary portcullis on the front of her smutty novel, he said she

should be had up for "bringing the game into disrepute".

Fists (occasionally). Campbell famously hit the political editor of the Guardian, Michael White, on the day Robert Maxwell died. At the time he worked for the Daily Mirror. "Mike kept repeating his joke, 'now we know why he's called Captain Bob-bob-bob'. Even-

tually, I saw a blue mist and

lashed out."

"One of the most tedious, silly pieces of television... I thought it was pathetic." - On the BBC's 'Panorama' about spin-doctors

- On the BBC

"Arrogant and over-staffed."

"Psychologically flawed." Reportedly on Gordon

"It's balls that the Prime Minister intervened over some deal with Murdoch. That's C-R-A-P." – On reports of Mr Blair's phone conversation with the Italian Prime Minister

about Rupert Murdoch's bid

Wit and wisdom

for an Italian TV station "There is one reason why the Tories attack the Press spokesman – he does an effective job attacking the Conservative Party." — Tony Blair on Alastair

Compbell

Christie threatened drug testers

LINFORD CHRISTIE yesterday By John Davison admitted being verbally abusive towards official drugs testers, whose job is to police athletics for drug cheats.

The former Olympic and world sprint champion was also accused of being the "Judy Garland of the 100 metres" over his earlier emotional outbursts in the High Court. The angry exchanges be-

tween Christie and John McVicar, the former armed robber turned journalist, came on the fifth day of the libel trial between the two at the court. Christie is suing over allegations that he took perfor-

and physically threatening his distinguished career. McVicar, who is defending himself, quoted from a series of reports from Sports Council testers, known as Independent Sampling Officials (ISO), over Christie's attitude to drug test-

> In one incident in Lanzarote in 1992 Christie had gone "ballistic" said McVicar, when testers paid a late night call to his training camp. An official report later described this as: "The most serious abuse ever experienced and reported by an

A doctor's report from an ingauous that he double during cident in Gateshead in 1990 after being asked to give a test

room, complaining about being picked on and denigrating the whole testing process. The doc-tor had justified the regime by saying that he suspected all athletes as possible drug takers.

"He finished by threatening me with physical violence, said the doctor's report.

When this was put to Christie yesterday he replied: "Yes, I did indeed. I believe I could have threatened him." At an indoor meeting in 1991, when he was Great Britain

described how Christie had be- after a semi-final race, de- down". McVicar accused him of your aggression, you try to macome "excessively excited and scribing the event as "poxy" agitated" in the doping control and insulting other athletes present. The ISO on this occagressive response" to Christie's public statements in favour of drugs testing.

At another Gateshead meet-

ing in 1993 he called a woman tester "a shit" for not allowing him to take a jog after a race when he was required to give a urine test. He had suggested taking a chaperone to watch him as he said he had done on

other occasions. "I think I did call her a shit" Christie told the court "I think team captain, Christie was said to have objected "very vocally"

using this aggressive behaviour to intimidate the testers.

"I am an aggressive athlete sion contrasted this "overtly ag- by trade" replied Christie. "I am open to outbursts. I need to be aggressive to run the 100 metres. That's just how it is."

McVicar also accused him of faking emotional outbursts in court, particularly on the first day when Christie broke down in tears and the court had to be adjourned

"Out came the smelling salts and the lace hanky", said McVicar. "This is the Judy Garland of the 100 metres."

This was a fake and an act, she is a shit because she said McVicar Just as you try wouldn't allow me to warm to manipulate the testers with

nipulate the jury with your

Drawing his cross examination to a close, McVicar repeated his central allegations and said that Christie's defining characteristic was a will to win at all costs.

"You play to win and will cut any corner to win, and if you thought you could take performance enhancing drugs and get away with it you would," said McVicar, "You would and you have, because modern elite athletics offers an abundance of scope for negating the test by which drugs in sport is regulated," he added

CHILDREN WHOSE parents

divorce may show signs of un-

happiness in the short term but

the majority grow up unscathed

controversial study, published

tion is not important, there is no

by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, saying previous studies had shown that parents' separation can scar children for years and that the full problems caused by divorce might not yet 8.10pm S be known. The major review of more than 200 British research studies, spanning more than 30

years, has concluded that while for a couple of years children may have difficulties such as bed-wetting, bad behaviour and low self-esteem, most children grow out of this and develop normally. It also challenges some widely-held views on divorce, saying that the age at which children experience separa-

THESO consistent evidence to show boys are more badly affected than girls, and absence of a parant figure is not the most influential feature of separation on a child's development. More than half of couples who divorce have children under 16 and if recent trends continue, one in five children

born to married couples will ex- the most damaging things is perience parental divorce by the age of 16. However, these figures may underestimate the true rate of family dissolution they do not include the senaration of cohabiting couples. As the immediate distress

starts to fade, most children settle down and develop normally. tle down and develop normally. understanding. "But that's an "Most children are fine after a awful lot of ifs," she added. 8.20pmi short period," said Dr Jan 6.10pm. Pryor, from the University of Auckland and one of the **WOOL** authors of the report. In a small CORO minority, however, there is a their games. There is considgreater probability of poor outcomes which reach into adult dren of divorced parents do less

THE COST OF A BROKEN HOME

Studies on divorce and children over the past three decades have seen a range of differing views ■ In 1993, the National Child Development Study of 11,000 children born in 1958 concluded that children who lost a parent through death did not under-perform in the same

way as the children of divorce. In 1994 a Exeter University study of 152 children found children from broken families had worse health, suffered psychological problems, were more likely to need extra school help at school, had more trouble socialising and suffered low self-esteem.

■ In April 1997 a Queen's University of Belfast study of 37 children said marriage breakdown took a heavy toil on the physical and emotional well-being of teenagers because of the stresses of changing house, school and domestic

■ In October 1997, a British Psychological Society study of 400 children in South Wales said family break-up turns teenage boys towards aggression, delinquency and crime. The report said teenage boys had more trouble coming to terms with divorce or separation.

■ Later in 1998, a combined study of more than 15,000 children born between 1945-70 whose parents separated found that they suffered an educational disadvantage, were more likely to attend special schools and had problems with schoolwork.

life - and these are often twice as common as they are among children whose parents have stayed together. Factors which put children of

separated families at increased risk include those who live in poor households, leave school without qualifications, leave home while young and have children as a teenager. Family conflict, whether be-

fore, during or after separation, is particularly stressful for chilbecoming anxious, aggressive or withdrawn, "Children find conflict difficult and distressing," said Dr Prior. "Our message to parents is to keep children away from it. Children can observe conflict and be drawn down into it. One of

avoid that kind of conflict." Julia Cole of Relate said from divorce if it was settled amicably and if parents continued to act with sympathy and

when parents use children as

go-betweens. We would say

"Conflictual divorce or seoaration can cause tremendous damage where parents argue or use children as pawns in erable evidence to show chilwell at school and are more likely to get into trouble with the police or grow up and become divorcees themselves," Ms

Jonathan Bartley, general secretary for the Movement for Christian Democracy, said: "The report underlines that marriage is the key to family life and divorce is a far bigger problem than was previously thought. More liberal attitudes have said that divorce is benign, but that is clearly not the case. And we still don't know the long term implications of divorce. The report concludes that

children and parents should have access to professional support at the time of separation. Help in parents coping with distress will make it easier for them to help their children. GPs, teachers and solicitors should be offered information and training to make it easier guide them towards more spe-

Dr Bryan Rodgers of the Australian National University, Canberra, said: "One of the messages is that if children are to be protected against the kind of disadvantages identified by research, then they and their parents will need better information and support before. during and after separation."



House of wax up for grabs in sell-off of top tourist spots

hosts medieval battles.

THE FAMOUS London wax- By PETER THAL LARSEN works, Madame Tussaud's, was put on the block yesterday in an auction of tourist attractions that includes the London Planetarium and Alton Towers.

The Tussauds group, which runs the sites, was yesterday put up for sale by Pearson, the media group whose interests range from the Financial Times to Baywatch.

Pearson said it had decided to put the group up for sale after the group. Marjorie Scardino, Pearson's chief executive, said: "We have decided that this is a good time to test whether Tussauds might be even more valuable to a new owner. They will have to offer a good price to convince us that it is." Analysts said the business could fetch more than £300m.

Pearson took over Madame

petition from other London venues, the prospect of seeing film stars, politicians and leading sportsmen and women recreated in wax has continued to pull in visitors from all over the world. Last year, Madame Tussaud's was London's top tourist attraction, with 2.8 mil-

Apart from the London just yesterday it sold its 40 per branch, there is a smaller version of the waxworks in Amsterdam and Tussauds is also planning to open new outlets in New York and Las Vegas.

Alton Towers, in the East Midlands, which Pearson bought in 1990, recently launched Oblivion, the world's first vertical roller coaster. Visitors to the park can also enjoy an ice show that features Beatrix Potter's Peter Rabbit.

nightclub and wine bar opera-Tussauds also runs the Lon-

don Planetarium, which is next tor that also owns Blackpool door to Madame Tussaud's on Tower, may be interested Rank the Hard Rock Café London's Marylebone Road, and the Rock Circus complex in owner and bingo operator, is Piccadilly. Other theme parks also understood to have had a include Chessington World of close look at the business. But industry observers say Adventures and Warwick Cas-

the Tussauds management tie, a historical museum that team are most likely to win the Earlier this month, Tusauction, with the support of a sands agreed to buy the Thome team of venture capitalists. · It may seem puzzling that Park complex in Surrey and Pearson wants to sell such a cent shareholding in the Port successful business. But the

Barcelona for £58m. All in all, that it wants to concentrate on the Tussauds venues attracted its media assets, which include 12.9 million visitors last year financial and educational puband made a profit of £22.3m. lishing as well as television. Analysts reckon the group Since Ms Scardino took the helm 18 months ago she has could attract a number of highprofile buyers. Time Warner, sold off the group's ailing comthe US media giant, might be puter games business and its interested, as might Universal, consumer publishing arm. the Hollywood cinema group. Pearson's stake in the Lazard In Britain, First Leisure, the investment banking group is

Wax Facts 1. Some 2400lbs of wax

has been used in the 365 2. Sculptors require more than 150 measurements of a subjects face and head to

create a life-like portrait. 3. About 500 million people have visited the attraction. 4. It takes six months and costs about £20,000 to make a figure.

5. The building survived a fire in 1925, an earthquake in 193) and some of the worst. bombing of the Blitz in 1940. 6. Only real human hair isused on figures.

7. Joanna Lumley is the most fouched waxwork. 8. The most photographed figures are those of Diana, Princess of Wales, and ... Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Identity swap trial is told of daughter's suicide theory

THE ENGLISHMAN who traded BY KETTH NUTHALL EVER his identity for a new life in Canada only to drown on his return to the UK could have committed suicide, said a key witness at a trial into his alleged

Sheena Walker, 22, daughter 8.30pn of the accused Albert Walker, 7pm F told the jury that the dead man NFT; Ronald Platt had been depressed prior to his body being dredged from the sea off (NC) Torquay by a fishing boat. She Perfor admitted telling police investiadmitted telling police investigating the case that Mr Platt could have committed suicide.

She told the jury: "He was so Piccad disappointed at being back in

about several things. He would go on and on about how he hated being in England. It was a huge disappointment that things didn't work out in Canada."

Miss Walker also said that Mr Platt disliked water, that he couldn't swim and that he did not like boarding boats, "even large ones".

Meanwhile Exeter Crown Court also heard that the trawler skipper who discovered the body had considered dropping it overboard instead of bringing it ashore - because he knew that he would be unable to sell fish caught in the net

John Copik, skipper of the Malkerry, said: "I asked my son what we should do with the body. I said we could drop him back into the sea and forget about it or we could bring him in. My son said we should bring

Mr Copik also admitted giving away a key piece of evidence in the investigation – an anchor, which the prosecution alleged was used to pin Mr Platt to the

The anchor had been trawled up in the net with the body, but the fisherman gave it to a colleague Derek Mered-

with the corpse if he alerted the ith on the Brixham quayside after mooring that day. "He said it would be handy for his speedboat," said Mr Copik. Later Meredith's partner

> sale, but it was not sold and was later recovered by police. Albert Walker, 52, from Woodham Walter, Essex, had assumed Mr Platt's identity to

took the anchor to a car boot

escape financial and marital problems in his own country, it has been claimed. He befriended loner Mr Platt, 51, and partner Elaine

ets to make a new life in Cana-When Platt returned to

Boyes and gave them air tick-



make a go of things in his new country, Walker killed him, the Crown has alleged.

Luminous food could light the way to future cancer treatment

likely to be the next to go.

IT COULD spell the beginning of the end for birthday candle makers. An American company is making cakes, icing, drinks, cosmetics and even water that glows in the dark, using lightemitting enzymes derived from deep-sea jellyfish, squid and shrimp.

The system could also have medical uses for identifying any cancerous cells left after surgery, said Tony Campbell of the University of Wales, who is working with Prolume, the Pittsburgh-based company. "You would add these chemicals to the body and the cells would turn red or blue, depending on whether they were cancerous or not," he said yesterday.

Professor Campbell, a medical biochemist, is a partner in Prolume, which this week BY CHARLES ARTHUR Technology Editor

rating flavourless "bioluminescent" chemicals. Those can be added to edible substances. having already been tested for toxicity, said Gene Finley, the company president: "We've done one- to three-month toxicology studies in rodents and it seems to be safe," he said.

The Prolume system combines enzymes made naturally by deep-sea animals which have to generate their own light because sunlight cannot penetrate far enough under the sea. The Prolume team has isolated the animals' genes which produce those light-generating chemicals.

Professor Campbell said:

dividends.

"For a cake or drink, you would add a chemical to make it luminous, and that would last for some minutes - perhaps up to half an hour. You would need to dim the lights to see it - but it could be ideal for birthday cakes."

A cancer detection system is still some years off, but Professor Campbell reckons that success in the consumer market for Prolume could help fund such important medical uses.

Anyone worried that food which goes in luminescent might emerge the same way has no cause for concern, said Professor Campbell. "The active proteins would get degraded during digestion, like any other," he said. "Though I suppose we would have to investigate that."

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Police bias against pregnant officers

SOME OF the country's most senior women police officers have spoken out about sexist and discriminatory treatment by male colleagues, particularly against female officers with

The officers, including one of the country's two women chief constables, reveal that some female colleagues keep their pregnancy a secret from their promotion boards for fear of their careers being blighted.

They also disclose that some male officers have told them that they should not be working mothers.

The comments come as a growing number of women officers are taking legal action against their forces for sexual discrimination and harass-

At the same time, there are a record number of women being appointed to the most senior jobs, although only two of the 51 forces in Britain are run by a woman. There are 10 women among the 230 most senior police ranks in Britain.

Elizabeth Neville, who was appointed the Chief Constable of Wiltshire last year, told Policing Today magazine that on her first day back to work as an inspector after giving birth to her first child in 1984, her chief superintendent said: "I think what you're doing is wrong, [but] I suppose it's none of my

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After Mrs Neville made it

BY JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

clear it wasn't, he agreed not to mention it again. A year later, she approached her promotion board for the job of chief inspector, but did not declare she was pregnant for fear that it would be used against her. After being promoted she told the chairman of the board who said: "You've taken someone else's place."

She added: "Some senior officers were openly unhappy about me having young children at home. The management of pregnancy wasn't tackled within the organisa-

She said that while the situation has improved there is still a lack of confidence among pregnant officers to declare their pregnancy. She gave the example of a sergeant who last year kept her pregnancy a secret for fear it might affect her promotion chances.

"Although there have been extensive policy changes, there still is not the confidence of the staff in the objectivity of its implementation," she said. Commander Suzanna Becks

of the Metropolitan Police, also speaking to the magazine, said she experienced similar attitudes when she was a chief in-

"Certain individuals were open about their prejudice had to suffer comment in the following his handling of a



Judy Davison: Why so few women in armed sections?

and having children," she said. Acting Assistant Commissioner Judy Davison of the City of London Police believes research is needed to examine why so few women work in the traffic or armed response sections.

"Family responsibilities, encouragement, personal choice and childcare may all be in-hibiting factors," she said.

On the more general issue of sexists attitudes in the police Mrs Neville said she has encountered few problems since becoming a chief officer, except some people who have not meet her before "often mistake me for the wife of the chief cou-

working past such as "even though she sexual harassment case.

is a woman..." and has been "cold shouldered" by some male colleagues at meeting when she gave them instruc-

While praising her immediate colleagues she was critical of some of the most senior police ranks who "still do not adhere to fair treatment principles and have used gender specific language and shown bad behaviour".

On a more positive side, Assistant Chief Constable Maria Wallis, of Sussex Police, said she had many positive experiences during her career Commander Carole Howlett of the Metropolitan Police, also argued that developments such as a more objective selection process had been among recent improvements made to the Police Service.

The issue of sexism in the police was highlighted in a 1995 Inspectorate of Constabulary report which stated that discriminatory language and behaviour still continues and there was a "perceived lack of top level commitment to equal opportunities".

Earlier this year, the Inspectorate, in one of its most damning reports in recent times, severely criticised the treatment of women officers at the North Yorkshire force, whose chief constable was Cdr Davison said she has forced to resign in January



Elizabeth Neville with her children. She did not tell promotion board of her pregancy Northampton Newspapers

English fans 'show they are true football lovers'

THEY WERE busy clearing up the BY ANDREW BUNCOMBE streets in Toulouse yesterday morning. Thankfully, it was not broken bottles and broken heads they were sweeping up, but damaged fruit and vegetables from the street market in the Boulevard de Strasbourg. Life is getting back to normal, and despite a few days when the English were in town, Toulouse has escaped the violence suffered by Marseilles.

The local newspaper, sounding hugely relieved, reported: "The magnificent English fans showed

in Toulouse

last night they are true lovers of football."

The next test in the northern town of Lens, is on Friday. French military police have already stepped up security, although a spokesman said the English did not appear to have the same "nasty streak" as the Germans who rioted in the city on We do not know whether the suppers, Bild, yesterday, gloating about Government official charged with nothing to do other than go the cen-

Marseilles or Toulouse."

His comments came as an unnamed 17-year-old German thug described how a French gendarme was kicked and battered with a beer bottle and a rifle butt. He remains in a deep coma and may be handicapped for life. He is the worst victim so far of the violence which has marred this World Cup. One of his attackers was quoted in Sunday. But he said of the English: one of Germany's biggest newspa-

Team Captain: Bob Wilson

Score: 3 out of 10

intelligent looking player: Barry Venison

Man of the people: Terry Venables

Score: 4 OUL of 10

Score: 8 out of 10

Better on the BBC when he was

a straight presenter. Expensive transfer to ITV anchorman role left him looking wooden.

Attempts at World Cup humour

downright embarassing. Needs to relax into his game and stop describing third world defences as "naive".

Looks the part-but has a bad case of the footballer's intonation. Not as bad as Dalglish, but is yet to meet a footballing client he doesn't want to hing is never supplied with a decent cross by Captain Milson so cannot raise his can

Reliable old stager, although harmed by suspicion that everyone wishes he was England manager. Looks natural cracking

joke and can talk tactics in

clear English. Seems all the better for not being Don How ITV's man of the people last

Spaire 8 out of 10 Often seems to be talking

Unter scens to be taking straight over the head of the life test of the IIV peam, to say nothing of many viewers. Still be looks good and his belief, in classy football is an antidate to the England must will views of the nest.

porters will behave as they did at the violence in which the officer was overseeing law and order) decided hurt. "Anybody who wasn't German got thumped,' he said as he described how 50 thugs cornered just

three policemen. In contrast, England's match in Toulouse passed with relatively few British Consul General in South-West France, said he believed there were four key reasons why Toulouse suffered only minor trouble.

"The Prefect, Alain Bidou, (the

that bars should shut at 11pm, that they should serve beer in plastic glasses and that garages and shops should not sell alcohol after 11pm."

The decision made late-night Toulouse a virtual ghost town, Both incidents. James Rawlinson, the on Sunday night and after Monday night's match, there were thousands of (largely sober) England supporters milling around but with nowhere to go. Not even McDonald's was open. It meant that people had

tral square and sing. As most of them said Mr Rawlinson. Toulouse is prosdidn't know any Romanian victory songs, they soon got pretty bored loving while Marseilles is a melting and went bome after an hour.

The second reason was the approach of the police. Police in Toulouse were deployed to be highprofile but discreet. It meant you might not see any police for 20 minutes and than 10 truck loads of riot officers would drive past as if to remind people they were there.

Another factor was the differences between Toulouse and Marseilles,

perous, calm, Anglophile and rugbypot of cultures, suffers from highcrime and high unemployment and has a large North African population who feel aggrieved at the way they are treated by the authorities.

Many observers agree the final reason relates to those "magnificent English fans", the real fans who did not want to be tarred with the same brush as those who caused the

World 'Cup – ITV and BBC go for goal

BY PAUL MCCANN Media Editor

NEARLY 22 million people watched the last 10 minutes of England's defeat at the hands of Romania on Monday night, giving ITV the best ratings so far in the World Cup Finals. As many as 8 million more may have watched in pubs and clubs.

A surge of electricity demand big enough to power Manchester followed the game and there was a 50 per cent increase in the demand for water as the nation filled kettles and flushed lavatories.

But despite the impressive ratings, few are attributing its success to the quality of its commentary and punditry teams.

A survey running on ITV's own Teletext service yesterday proved to be a bit of an own goal. It showed that 86 per cent of respondents believe that the BBC's line up, led by Des Lynam, is better than Bob Wilson's ITV team.

"ITV had been closing the professionalism gap until England v Romania," says TV writer Stan Hey, who has watched all 32 games so far. But then their showbusiness instincts came out and they had embarrassing segments from Romania about vampires and haunted castles. ITV even had tosh like the cast of Coronation Street wishing the team well."

Frank Lampard, the West Ham midfielder, believes the BBC is better than ITV, but for more presentational reasons: "My mum really likes David Ginola. A lot of players take the mickey out of his opinions, but she likes him."

Lawrie McMenerny, who ap-World Cup Finals, refused to be quality of the pundits.

SO WHO WON?

Team Captain: Des Lynam

So smooth he can make money parodying his iconic status in adverts. Like an avuncular uncle in charge of mildly cheeky nephews he sprays perfectly pitched questions and opinions to his team of pundits like a midfield supremo in the Hoddle



Score: 7 out of 10
Good head for strategy and
sporting the key moves, scrubs
op well for the camera, but
undone by his almost
pathological obsession with bad
delenging - he too has parolled
himself in adverts. Prone to off
the duff hyperbole, but so are
all football fare so it works well.

Man of the people: Ally McColst



Score: 9 out of 10 A TV star in the making who will probably move from sport probably move from sport shows to music programmes if his perodde hair colour is anything to go on. Cheeky like the goal poacher he is and yet introcently sincere, His interview with Pelé could have made grown men CV.

Good looking Frenchman: David Ginola ore: 6 out of 10 Photing it hard to shipe as much as his hair, but it could be the class acts playing around him. Sometimes his comments are so

Commentary star: John Motson Score: 9 out of 10

The fact that this man is a national hero says a lot about the English, the nation that invented trainspotting. An anorak's anorak. Mottle manages to inject trivia seamlessly into his

Assured, confident performance undone when commentating on England matches. Tries hard, but falls, to restrain latent English bias. Prone to Partridge esque information overload like

TOTAL: 41-TOTAL: 30

drawn on his preferred broad-caster but bemoons the fact that so many of the "experts" are now so young: "It seems that TV is the preferred career for lads just as they come to the end of their playing career. When I first started doing it in 1974 with Bobby Chariton we were all still in the game as

managers." In ratings terms it is impossible to judge which broad-caster is winning because it is the combination of teams, and the kick-off times of games, that peared as a TV pundit in five is attracting the fans - not the

After the England-Romania game, which averaged 19.5 million viewers according to overnight viewing figures, came the opening Scotland v Brazil game which attracted an average 12 million viewers for its 4.30pm kick-off.

However, because television audiences are measured only in viewers' homes, it is likely that the lunchtime England v Tunisia clash attracted more than its reported 11 million

Airtime buying agency MediaCom has research which shows that another 12 per cent

of adults watched England's first game at work. A further 12 per cent watched in the pub and a worrying 4 per cent "couldn't remember" where they watched it. MediaCom knew the official figures were wrong because half the audience for England v Tunisia was female - begging the question,

After the home team matches, the most popular games have been evening matches like Germany v USA, watched by 10.6 million on BBC1, and Jamaica v Croatia (9.9 million) on ITV. Armchair view, page 23

where were all the men?

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Professor Charles Ssali at the Africa Centre in London, with a bottle of his controversial Aids 'cure' pills

Doctor earns rebuke for 'Aids remedy'

A UGANDAN doctor trained in Britain who is selling a vitamin supplement as a treatment for Aids has been publicly rebuked by the Royal medical college, of which he was a fellow.

Professor Charles Ssali, a former ear, nose and throat surgeon in Scotland who now runs an Aids clinic in Uganda, plans to offer his treatment, called Mariandina, through healthfood shops in Britain. He claims to have treated 17,000 patients at his clinic over the past five years and obtained an 80 per cent recovery rate.

He told a meeting at the Africa Centre in London on Monday night that he had patients in Britain who had taken the treatment. They are friends of mine, they have got Mariandina from me and they are cured. As soon as I have the necessary permits and have BY JEREMY LAURANCE Health Editor

available to all those who want it. I will sell it through healthfood stores."

Professor Ssali was suspended by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in 1992 for non-payment of the annual subscription. However, in an unprecedented move, the college last month posted a "Note regarding a Dr Charles Ssali" on its internet website, announcing that he had claimed to have found a cure for Aids and that he had been suspended.

Mariandina is made by Pharmadass, of Greenford, Middlesex, a company supplying vitamins, health food supplements and natural cosmetics to pharmacies and health food stores. It is made exclusively for Professor Ssali to a recipe supplied by him. It comes in three formulations, A, B and J, and costs £60 for a month's supply, four times the average monthly income in

Uganda of £14. The National Drugs Authority in Uganda banned Mariandina last year, arguing that patients were being duped into buying a worthless treatment which left them impoverished and unable to buy food. The ban was lifted after protests from patients and MPs and then reimposed About £14,000 worth of the pills are currently impounded at Entebbe airport in

sive speaker and attracted enthusiastic applause from his audience of 100 mostly black Africans in London on Monday night. The treatment, which he describes as an "immune booster", is a combination of vitamins, herbal extracts and micronutrients. He believes it can help Aids in the way that oranges relieved the symptoms of scurvy in the 18th

He told the meeting that he was the victim of a conspiracy by the major pharmaceutical companies, who wanted to discredit his discovery in order to protect their own Aids drugs such as AZT and the protes inhibitors, from which they were making large profits.

One woman, who gave her name as Rosalyn, said she had read about Mariandina in the Nation newspaper in London and contacted her father in Zimbabwe to obtain a supply of the drug for her 47-year-old aunt who was seriously ill with suspected Aids. "Within four days she had stopped vomiting and started eating again and from then she gradually got better," she said.

A spokeswoman for the Department of Health said that if the doctor tried to sell Mariandina as a treatment for Aids in the UK he would be in contravention of the Medicines Act.

"You cannot make medicinal claims for a product without a

Straw moves on paedophile fears

THE HOME Secretary, Jack BY MICHAEL CLARKE Straw, has met worried residents of a small village over fears that the child sex killer Robert Oliver may be moved to

Mr Straw told the villagers that Oliver may be sent to Wing, in Rutland, to stay at Wing Grange rehabilitation centre, a Home Office spokesman said yesterday. The spokesman added that if Oliver went there he would be electronically tagged.

The meeting was arranged after the local Tory MP, Alan Duncan, contacted the Home Office over rumours that had been rife in the village.

"The Home Secretary was quite frank with them and said

one of the places under consideration was Wing Grange, the spokesman said. "No firm a "halfway house" there, it decision has yet been made."

manslaughter of Jason Swift, a teenage runaway. Released from prison last September, he was hounded out of half a dozen towns before asking Sussex police for protection. He spent four months in a south coast police station for his own protection before going to Blenheim # House, a private mediumsecure unit in Milton Keynes, in

The Home Office spokesman said that if Oliver is moved to Wing it will only be as a temporary measure.

IN BRIEF

Police searching for missing 13-year-old girl find body in river

POLICE SEARCHING for the missing 13-year-old Glaire Hart yesterday found a body in a river near the spot where she was last seen. A Cheshire Police spokeswoman said that the sex and age of the body had not yet been determined and forensic experts were carrying out tests at the scene. Claire disappeared last Thursday while walking to school from her home in the village of Eaton.

Police deny Lawrence 'coaching' THE METROPOLITAN Police yesterday denied

systematically coaching the officers giving evidence to the Stephen Lawrence inquiry. The denial was made after a "script" used by one witness, Sgt Peter Solley, was obtained by lawyers for the Lawrence family and produced at the inquiry today. Headed "Possible questions you may be asked", the document is colourcoded with red indicating dangerous areas of questioning.

Crusader's psalms sell for £2.7m

A 700-YEAR-OLD illustrated prayer book that has never been seen in public was sold in London yesterday for a record 22.7m. The Burdett Psalter - a 13th-century copy of the Book of Psalms that is thought to have been commissioned by a French crusader in the Holy Land was bought by an anonymous private collector, who paid almost double the estimated value.

Government tackles NHS violence

A NEW PLAN for tackling violence against NBS staff was launched by the Government yesterday. Under the programme, every NHS Trust has to set up procedures for recording assaults and draw up targets for reducing violence levels. One in seven of all reported incidents in the NHS involve assaults, which are the third most reported cause of injury after falls and needle accidents.

Millennium bug may cripple 999

UP TO A quarter of police forces in England and Wales could suffer serious delays in responding to 999 calls in the year 2000 because of the millennium computer bug, a report by a public-spending watchdog warned yesterday. Auditors fear that emergency responses could break down as computer systems fail. Speed cameras, fingerprint systems, files of investigations, surveillance cameras, and police radios could also malfunction.

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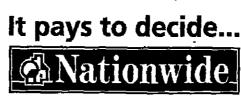
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Children playing at Chestnut Wood School in the London Borough of Lambeth, ranked as the fourth most deprived in Britain

Lambeth ready for steep learning curve

THE STATISTICS alone show the scale of the task ahead for Ben Russell reports from a new education action zone the scale of the task ahead for teachers in the London Borough of Lambeth's education

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The borough is ranked as the fourth most deprived in Britain, with unemployment running at around 17 per cent. One in 10 girls get pregnant by the age of 19. Nearly a third of the borough's children learn English as a second language. An average of just 28 per cent of school leavers in Lambeth get five or more good GCSE passes, one of the lowest rates in

Leaders of the action zone are hoping to make an immediate impact on schools in the borough when their zone opens for business at the beginning of September But they have decided against radical changes

gether 25 nursery and primary schools and two secondaries:

Stockwell Park and Lillian Baylis, one of the schools "named and shamed" last year by David Blunkett, the Secretary of State for Education and Employment, The international oil giant,

Shell, is putting up £50,000 a year to help fund the project, and one of its senior executives, Clive Mather, will chair its governing forum. But the zone was drawn up

and will be run by Lambeth borough council and a private sector consultancy, the Centre for British Teachers (CFBT), "as equal partners". CFBT, a registered charity,

ning director at CFBT and coauthor of the Lambeth bid, said his company would offer advice on school management and initiatives like after school clubs. "Our role is to provide the consultancy, the leverage and the experience of operating internationally and in other sectors," he said.

CFBT is a charity, but is looking at the potential of the zones to expand its business. The zone concept has created new market opportunities," Mr Emmett said. "CFBT is interested in new zones in the

Ty Goddard, chairman of education in Lambeth, said he wanted the zone to raise the runs careers services, teacher profile and standing of the bor- by providing breakfast on the Tim Emmett, principal plan- for Lambeth. What we want to English for parents.

see is support and respect for teachers and also to redefine the relationship between the education community and the business community.

Some heads, however, said they knew little about what the zone would mean in practice for their schools. One said: "What people want to know is what it will mean on Monday morning or Friday afternoon. That's not

Mr Emmett said it would be up to schools to decide which to help crack down on bullying. initiatives in the zones to take up. Meetings to start finalising details would start next

Proposals in Lambeth include extending the school day to the school year, or any dra- training, Ofsted inspection ough, as well as school stan- one hand and after-school matic alteration to teachers teams and a supply teacher dards. He said: "I feel we have homework clubs on the other. won the educational world cup Schools will also offer help with

Hull, Brandsholme, 18

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Thetford, Norfolk, 10 schools. Private partners

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Headteachers and middle managers in schools will have mentors from business, and officials are planning training schemes for those seeking promotion. Schools will run special arts and sports events and set up school councils.

Every secondary school pupil in the zone will be encouraged to take up the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. and pupils will be asked to act as mentors to younger children

In the classroom, the zone will focus on literacy, numeracy and science in the borough's primary schools. Within five years the local authority wants to see 80 per cent of 11-year-olds achieving national standards for their age in English and 75 per cent of them achieving a similar standard in maths. There are also targets for cutting expulsions and improving punctuality.

Mr Goddard said: "They are quite simple measures, but they are simple measures parents want and simple measures that teachers want."

murder a mystery, trial told

DEPUTY HEADMASTER Sion BY MAXINE FRITH Jenkins told a court yesterday that he had "no theory" about how his 13-year-old foster daughter was killed.

Mr Jenkins, 40, who denies murdering Billie-Jo Jenkins, told Lewes Crown Court he did not know what had happened when he found his foster daughter's body at the family home in Hastings, East Sussex Camden Pratt, QC, for the

prosecution, said: "Your daughter, you say, was murdered by a man who came over the back or through the front." Mr Jenkins said: "I didn't say

Mr Pratt: "Isn't that what you

Mr Jenkins: "I don't know how my daughter was killed. I don't know what I believe. I do not know who murdered my daughter. I don't know how somebody got access to my house. I don't know how somebody went at my daughter. I do not know how that was done." Mr Pratt insisted: "But you must have a theory."

Mr Jenkins replied: "I don't have a theory. Of course, it interests me how she was killed. I have not got a theory. I have speculated as to how somebody might have got there, but I don't know ... I am not a detective. I wanted to help the police."

The prosecution alleges that Mr Jenkins bludgeoned Billie-Jo to death with a tent-peg as she was painting the patio doors of the family home on 15 February last year. He then went on a "pointless" shopping trip with his two older natural daughters Annie and Lottie in order to distance himself from the scene, it is alleged.

Mr Jenkins was also questioned about an incident while Billie-Jo was painting when he showed her how to be tidier with

AND PAUL EDWARDS

the paint. The girl climbed on to his shoulders as he was squatted down by the patio doors. you react to that?"

Mr Jenkins replied: "With not much of a reaction really. I might have said it wasn't the place or time to be doing it but I wasn't surprised."

Mr Pratt said: "What did you think she was doing? This 13-year-old girl putting her legs over your shoulder?"

Mr Jenkins: "Billie-Jo was in a very ebullient, excited, happy mood. It was jovial. She was just having fun.

Mr Pratt said: "Do you think that in putting her legs over your shoulder she was trying to flirt or tease with you?"

Mr Jenkins: "She was not.

Not at all." Jenkins was later asked to read from notes he had made in the days after the murder in order to help himself make a witness statement to police.

Despite earlier telling the court he could not remember how he had got paint on his fleece jacket, in the notes he says he can remember Billie-Jo laughing when he got paint on his jacket as he helped her. Mr Pratt said: "May I blunt-

ly suggest to you that there was no laughing or humorous incident when Billie-Jo caused you to get paint on your jacket." Mr Jenkins replied: "I un-

derstand what you are saying. I cannot be sure how the paint got on my jacket." Mr Pratt replied: "May I

suggest that you got paint on your cuff when you attacked her, not as you suggest." Mr Jenkins said emphatical-

ly: "And you would be wrong." The case continues today.

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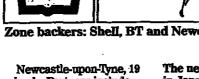
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The next 13 zones, opening schools. Partners include in January, 1999: Birmingham, Aston and Nechells, 21 schools. Part-

ners include Barnardos. Birmingham, Kitts Green and Shard End, 15 schools. Partners include Rover, Cadlenge Expeditions (organises bury and the National Exhibition Centre.

East Brighton, 12 schools. Partners include Gatwick Airport, accountants KPMG and American Express

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Southwark, 13 schools. Partners include Price Waterhouse and the Financial Wigan, 30 schools. Part-

ners include North West educational consultants North and West Halifax, Middlesborough FC Herb hopes grow for alcoholics

SCIENTISTS BELIEVE they BY JEREMY LAURANCE may have found a herbal treatment to curb excessive drinking. An extract of the yellow flowers of St John's wort, a herb used for centuries to treat melancholia, cut by half the amount of alcohol consumed by a group of heavy drinkers.

The heavy drinkers were rats, selectively bred for their liking for the hard stuff. Researchers from the University of North Carolina who carried out the experiments, plan next to test it on human alcoholics. Dr Amir Rezvani, research associate professor of psychi-

atry at the university's school

of medicine, said: "We don't

know yet whether the com-

Health Editor

pound will work in human al-coholics, but we are optimistic desire for alcohol." "Since it is a herb, it should have no side effects or fewer side effects than synthetic drugs. One of the major prob-

Dr Rezvini decided to investigate the herb because depression and alcoholism were thought to have a strong biolems with alcoholics is that logical link. If it worked for de-

KEN LIVINGSTONE

'Although spin doctors are good at spinning about their own omnipotence; when we examine the record, they're not much good'

—THE WEDNESDAY REVIEW, PAGE 3

they don't like to take medica- pression, then it might just tions that have side effects. St have a beneficial effect on al-John's wort might be different coholism," he said. "Many people think the link may be a deficiency of serotonm, a neurotransmitter in the brain,"

The findings were presented yesterday at a meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism in Hilton Head, South The researchers compared the behaviour of rats that were

group that was not. All were of-fered a choice between alcohol and water Over a 24 hour period the rats treated with the herbal extract drank half as much alco-

hol as the untreated animals.

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been dreading. Forty minutes of mulate about the need for a policy sheer boredom at Scottish questions were relieved by few moments of parliamentary excitement.

After the heady atmosphere during the age of consent debate the previous evening the House of Commons got back to normal with Scottish members peddling their local hobbyhorses with eyes only on their local newspaper headlines.

David Stewart (Lab, Inverness East, Nairn and Lochaber) was concerned about road deaths in his constituency and stimulated other powerful scratch. members with Highland constituencies, such as Robert Maclen-

YESTERDAY WAS the day I had Sutherland and Easter Ross), to forto deal with single-track roads. Quite what the Government, regardless of complexion, could do about this "problem" escapes me.

We moved onto livelier ground when Eleanor Laing (Con, Epping Forest), fresh from her brave stand in the age of consent debate, homed in on the scandal of direct labour department incompetence in Scottish local government. Mrs Laing is fast becoming one of the Tory women rising stars and packs a

Tories, frightened of raising sleaze for obvious reasons, are beginning to draw blood by raising the embarrassments of Labour's record in Scottish local government and Mrs Laing was ably followed up by the other star new girl, journalist turned politician Julie Kirkbride (Con, Bromsgrove), who tackled Donald Dewar, Secretary of State, on abuses by the Labour-con-

trolled East Ayrshire Council. Mr Dewar would normally have passed the buck on this to his junior minister Calum Macdonald but Mr Dewar told the House that "my Hon Friend the member for Western Isles has been sent to France for the Moroccan game".

THE SKETCH



Mr Dewar then played for time sorry he was that England lost and by doing the usual ritual of wishing burbled as an afterthought, to the Scottish lads well, saying how laughter, "so far as East Ayrshire

enquiries, reviews and the need to await the outcome of something called the "Mackintosh Report".

I am sure Mr Dewar genuinely does want to clean up the Scottish Labour Party and there are clear signs that he is using his substantial influence to this effect but, for the time being, Tories are scoring some runs on this issue, even it, ironically, the Scottish Nationalists are the electoral beneficiary

The new Tory spokesman, Liam Fox, wade in, to good effect, on his first outing. He is a bright boy, who has had a meteoric rise in the party, having been elected only in 1992. One of Mr Hague's acolytes,

is concerned", a few words about he gave Mr Dewar an awkward time by demanding that no taxpayer in the sleaze councils would have to pay for the incompetence and inefficiencies of Labour town hall bosses. Mr Dewar admitted he could give no such assurances.

Dr Norman Godman (Lab. Grenock and Inverciyde) suggested that reform of the local electoral system was the answer and, in passing, referred to his wife's recent selection as a candidate for the proposed Scottish Assembly. We learned that Mr Dewar is "looking forward to having dirmer with you and your wife on Saturday".

Jonathan Sayeed (Con, Mid Bedfordshire) hammered home the

Tory attack by reminding Mr. Dewar of Monklands Council which has a history of nepotism and abuse of public trust. Werent these problems known when Nest Kinnock and John Smith were Labour leaders?" he bellowed.

Mr Dewar, consummate Commons performer, when in the conner simply hurled friendly abuse and ignored the question. The Hon Gentleman is an early Monty

Python without the humour." Sadly, from my point of view would have given anything for Monty Python to have enlivened yesterday's proceedings, with or without the humour. Roll on devolution!

Standards chief quits as Porter's QC

LORD NEILL, the public stan- PUBLIC LIFE dards watchdog, has been forced to withdraw from representing Dame Shirley Porter in court amid claims that the move would cause a conflict of

The Chairman of the Committee on Standards in Public Life had agreed to act as barrister for Dame Shirley, who is facing a £27m surcharge over a "homes for votes" scandal at Westminster City Council.

Lord Neill said in a statement that he had pulled out of the case because of a "perceived conflict" between his role as her lawyer and as chairman of the committee. He had already obtained leave for her

"I have advised her that continuing prejudicial comment concerning my representation of her would be damaging to her interest. In the light of a perceived conflict beween my two roles such comment would also be likely to impede the work of the Committee on Standards in Public Dame Shirley's legal team. Life, of which I have the hon-

our to be chairman," he said. Dame Shirley issued her own statement expressing anger at attacks on Lord Neill over the issue.

"I very much regret that as a result of a political vendetta the Court of Appeal will now be deprived of the opportunity to hear his advocacy and argu-

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BY FRAN ABRAMS Political Correspondent

ments on my behalf. Certain Labour MPs who used similar harassing tactics when opposition members on Westminster Council have again ruthlessly used the media to poison the atmosphere around this case," she said

The announcement came just after MPs voted to write to Lord Neill to ask him to explain his decision to take on the

'The Commons' public administration committee agreed in private session to make the approach after a request from one of its members, the former deputy leader of the Westminster Council Labour group Peter Bradley (The Wrekin.)

Earlier, Mr Bradley said the committee might call Lord Neill to make a personal appearance on the matter. He said the peer should withdraw from

"He may think that conflicts of interest do not arise - that is funding of political parties. not how the rest of the world sees it.

"It is crucial given his position as the chairman of the Committee on Standards in Public Life that he is not only above reproach but is seen to be above reproach," he said. Another senior Labour MP, David Winnick, welcomed the decision to withdraw, but said Lord Neill should never have put himself in such a position.

There was clearly a potential conflict of interest. If he had continued as counsel (for Lady Porter), then clearly there would have had to be a question mark over his continuing as chairman of the Committee on Standards in Public Life," he

Lord Neill last week insisted that he was taking the case in the Court of Appeal on the "cab-rank principle" whereby barristers took cases as they

He said members of the bar did not pick and choose their cases on the basis of the popularity or unpopularity of the case or the client.

Downing Street had responded to growing media unrest over the affair last week by saying that it was a matter for Lord Neill, and not a matter for

Lord Neill's committee is at present completing its deliberations on a review of the

The review was launched after the Bernie Ecclestone affair last year when Lord Neill told Labour it should return a £1 million donation from the Formula One boss after he lobbied successfully for an exemption to a ban on tobacco sponsorship.



Lord Neill: "Perceived conflict" in Dame Shirley Porter case | Ian Waldie! Reuters

Cook faces telegram challenge

THE FOREIGN Secretary is expected to be challenged to- By COLIN BROWN morrow over his refusal to provide five telegrams about the Sandline affair involving arms to Sierra Leone.

The chairman of the Commons select committee. Donald Anderson, yesterday kept the lid on a furious row in private over the clash with Robin

Mr Anderson, a Labour MP, announced last night he would be holding a press conference to deliver an interim report after Mr Cook's refusal to submit the telegrams on the ground that it would conflict with the separate investigation by Sir Thomas Legg.

Senior Tories on the committee warned last night that they would not let up. "This will go on. There will be no stopping it now," said one.

Sir John Stanley the former minister, yesterday angrily confronted Labour members of the committee in private after his questions to Sir John Kerr the permanent secretary at the Foreign Office, were drawn to a close and the committee adjourned.

Sir John Kerr was left outside the committee after giving evidence on the Treasury's squeeze on the Foreign Office. while the MPs continued their row in private.

The row followed earlier clashes at a hearing between the top civil servant at the Tory defence minister, over outside committee room the refusal to give answers on the ground that it would conflict with the Legg inquiry into the Sandline affair.

But that same reason was given by the Foreign Secretary prevention - of just £70m. when he wrote to the committee refusing the request to see the telegrams which could prove that officials knew about the involvement of British mercenaries in the fight to free Sierre Leone from an armed

At that time Mr Cook said: The Government cannot disclose information which falls within the remit of Sir Thomas Legg's investigation while it is in progress, because to do so could prejudice it.

"It is also Sir Thomas egg's view that the release of documents now could be dam-

Chief Political Correspondent

early completion of a comprehensive and consistent report." Yesterday there were attempts to limit the questioning of Sir John Kerr to Treasury cuts in the Foreign Office. He told the MPs that he believed it had been squeezed so much "you can hear the pips squeak".

Wading into a funding row between the Foreign Secretary and Chancellor Gordon Brown, Sir John warned that staff cuts had left many outposts "lacking critical mass".

"There has been a very considerable down-size and there is a danger that down-sizing can be taken too far:

"There are opportunities that the UK should be seizing around the world, which the process of steady downward trend will make it very difficult to sustain," Sir John told the Committee



Foreign Office and the former Sir John Kerr: bad to wait

The Foreign Office, Sir John 🏄 said, had a budget for "free" expenditure - which was not tied into peace-keeping or conflict

And he told the committee of further budgetary problems caused by the refusal of the United States Congress to pay its \$1.1bn (£690m) debt to the United Nations. That meant Britain was still owed £41 million as payment for peacekeeping activities. "I suspect it is rising," Sir John admitted

when pressed by MPs. Sir John said the Foreign Office budget had gone down by 14 per cent in real terms since the start of the Major administration, in 1990. If Labour stuck to Tory spending limits it would mean a decline of 24 per aging to the prospects for the cent between 1992 and 2002.

cent at the last general election - included reform of electoral registration and formal political education in schools. Representatives of the three main parties all expressed opposition to voting being made compulsory.

considered by the committee to boost turnout - 71 per

£5 payment suggested to raise

VOTERS could be given £5 for marking their crosses at

elections to try to reverse years of falling turn-outs, an

formerly a journalist specialising in elections, made the

is reviewing the electoral system. Other measures

MP suggested yesterday. Martin Linton (Lab, Battersea),

suggestion to the Home Affairs Select Committee, which

turnouts at elections

THE HOUSE

THE TORIES accused Frank Dobson, Health Secretary, of "a blatant breach" of procedure by having photocopied, at taxpayers' expense, a briefing for Labour MPs on NHS waiting lists. Ann Widdecombe, shadow Health Secretary, has written to Sir Richard Wilson, Cabinet Secretary and head of the Home Civil Service, asking whether such "large-scale partisan briefing" was permissible, desirable, or consistent with Civil Service standards. Mr Dobson had earlier said the document was produced, photocopied and distributed by one of his department's special advisers.

Dobson accused in copies dispute

IoD warns on Kyoto costs

HIGHER TRANSPORT costs for firms and lower UK competitiveness could result from the Government's pledge to cut greenhouse gases, Tim Melville-Ross director-general of the Institute of Directors, said. Measures to cut emissions in the forthcoming "Integrated Transport" White Paper could include moves to discourage the use of company cars, to switch more freight to rail and to encourage workers to use public transport, he said in a speech in London about the impact of the Kyoto deal to cut climate-changing gases.

Today in the House of Commons

■ Welsh Questions

■ Prime Minister's Question Time

Ten minute debate on sale of alcohol to young people Debate on Human Rights Bill ■ Adjournment debate on coastal erosion

All-party group will work to improve legal status of gays

MPs are to set up an all-party CIVIL RIGHTS parliamentary group to press for further gay rights reforms after Monday's vote for an

equal age of consent at 16. Evan Harris, a Liberal Democrat MP who had tried to force through extra measures during Monday night's debate, said a group of members from all sides would continue to press for change.

Gays could still be prosecuted for group sex while heterosexuals could not, he said. He is also calling for adults prosewith 16 or 17-year-olds to have their names removed from the sex offenders' register.

The group will also campaign for equal pension rights and other forms of recognition

BY SAM COATS AND FRAN ABRAMS

had not succeeded this time. Alun Michael, the Home Office minister, said in Monday's debate that he was sympathetic to calls for a change in the law on group sex. A case is currently being taken to Europe for a man who filmed two others having sex, but the Government

is opposing it. "I will continue to press for cuted in the past for gay sex an end to discrimination in sexual offences, which waste a lot of court time and in which the state has no interest," Dr

Harris said. The leading Labour member on the new group is expected to be Kalli Mountford (Coine Dr Harris said his attempt Valley), and a Conservative had been useful, even though it sponsor will be announced.

The leading gay rights organisation Stonewall also vowed to continue campaigning for full equality for gay people. It wants to overturn the ban on gays in the military and legislation that prevents advice being given to gay teenagers by local authorities and state

"It is by no means the end of the battle to secure full equality for lesbians and gay men, but it does mark a turning point," said Angela Mason, Stonewall's executive director. "MPs have made it clear they believe the law can no longer discriminate in the way it has

for generations. Peter Tatchell of the gay rights group Outrage said he would also be pushing for legal recognition of same-sex relarights for gays and lesbians.

to examine the "current inequalities" in the tax regime that penalise partners in a gay relationship. Bob Rothenberg, a senior partner of Blick Rothenberg, chartered accountants, said: "I the Government's intention is to

yesterday for the Government

promote equality, then it should look to create tax equality too." Currently, married couples receive a tax allowance equivalent to £285 a year, but this is not available to gay couples. Mr Rothenberg said same-sex couples also lose out when it comes to inheritance tax.

The Government has stated it will look at other aspects of the law to ensure equality between gay and straight couples. Per-haps it is time to start looking at tionships and equal parenting again at tax equality for all people in long-term relationships."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS University student-staff ratio rises

THE RATIO of students to staff in universities was 16.6 in 1995-96, compared to 16.5 in 1994-95, according to Kim Howells, the education minister

Increase in education funding

ALISTAIR DARLING, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, told Francis Maude (Con, Horsbam) that between 1979-80 and 1997-98 there was a 1.6 per cent increase in real terms of public spending on education.

Mouse-eared bat an extinct species

THERE IS only one confirmed extinction of a species within the UK during the past 10 years - the Greater mouse eared bat (Myotis myotis), which has been extinct since 1990, the environment minister Angela Eagle told Nigel Jones (Lib Dem. Cheltenham.)

Department of Health cost limits

FRANK DOBSON, the Secretary of State for Health, said that the cash limit for hospital, community health, and related services will increase by £5.6m to £31,392,213,000. The cash limit for the Department of Health, administration, miscellaneous health and personal social services will be reduced by £1.13m to £1,096,377,000. This reduction will allow for the transfer of responsibility of childcare and early years policy. The department's gross running cost limit will be increased by £4.4m to £262,915,000 to allow for additional work being carried out by the NHS pensions agency on missoid pensions, he told Relen Southworth (Lab, Warrington South.)

Tory MEPs try to block advert ban

WILLIAM HAGUE was last TOBACCO AND SPORT night accused of failing to rid his party of its "sleazy" links to the tobacco industry after Tory MEPs tried to block the European directive banning tobacco advertising in sport and on

The claims were made by anti-smoking campaigners on the eve of the publication of a bacco companies covered up the evidence of links between smoking and cancer. The allegations were supported by the public health minister, Tessa Jowell, who negotiated the directive signed this week.

BY COLIN BROWN

"One of their tactics was to table amendments that would drag out the implementation timescale," she said.

"They knew that many of the decisions which had been negotiated were based on a very fragile consensus with no latidossier alleging that the to- tude for renegotiation," said Ms The Tories' tactics of using

legal challenges would have

postponed the advertising ban

until Britain handed over the

European Union presidency to

the Austrians, who opposed it,

"The Tories' position is very much influenced by their past financial dependence on the tobacco industry. I think that is

indefinitely.

the principle motivation," said The Tory opposition to the EU directive was underlined by

John Maples, the former Shadow health secretary, who said an EU-wide ban on all forms of tobacco advertising was "unnecessary and potentially unworkable". Virginia Bottomley, as health secretary, also op-

posed it. Last night Clive Bates, of

thus effectively putting it off Action Against Smoking, said: "The Tory MEPs were part of the whole effort by the EPP the Conservative grouping in the European Parliament, to block

> "It is a very sordid story. We thought that the Tories had cleaned up their act, since cooperating with the tobacco industry in the 1992 election when they used their hoarding sites for posters. William Hague wanted to rid the Tory party of the corrosive, sleazy odour that haunted the party. It seems they are back in the pockets of the tobacco companies," Mr Bates said.

> it with wrecking amendments.

A bottlenose dolphin and calf - infanticide was previously unknown

Dolphins that kill their young make mockery of playful image

BY MICHAEL MCCARTRY Environment Correspondent

ONE OF Britain's two resident groups of dolphins is killing its own young, in the first behav-iour of its kind ever recorded.

They are the same group of bottlenose dolphins in the Moray Firth in north-east Scotland that two years ago were revealed as attacking and killing their small cousins, harbour porpoises. Now the animals have been shown to be killing their own young, in the first ex-ample of infanticide recorded in cetaceans - dolphins, porpoises and whales.

Their behaviour was uncovered by a joint team of zoologists from Aberdeen University and vets from the Scottish Agricultural College in Inverness.

The vets carried out postmortem examinations on five baby dolphins washed up on shore, and found that they had suffered injuries identical to those seen on the porpoises killed by dolphins. They had







injuries consistent with being battered, and toothmarks on

Subsequently, Ben Wilson, one of the Aberdeen researchers studying the dolphins of the Moray Firth, saw two adult dolphins in the sea with a newly dead calf: one of them repeatedly lunged at it, butted it clear of the water with its head, and

gripped it in its jaws. The revelation that dolphins are not always as friendly as we has become clear in the past few

might like to think will be reported in full in the July edition of the Proceedings of the Royal Society: the conclusions of the research are reported in next month's edition of BBC

Wildlife magazine, out today. The Moray Firth resident colony of bottlenose dolphins, thought to number about 130 animals, is one of only two around Britain's coasts, the other being in Cardigan Bay. It

years that they were occasionally attacking the much smaller harbour porpoises, throwing them clear of the water and hat tering them to death.

The researchers point out that the dolphin calves that have also been killed are almost identical in size to the porpoises - about a metre and a half long - and think the two types of attacks may be linked, though they do not know why. nticide is relatively com-

It has never been observed in cetaceans before, but in fact t might be widespread, said Paul Thompson, another of the animals to study. You're only

mammals, such as lions and sometimes kill the young of

their rivals to increase the

chances of their own repro-

ductive success.

seeing a very small part of their lives. These behaviours could be very widespread but you don't spot them till someone points them out."

The researchers warn that "it may have serious consequences for the viability of small populations".

Asked if people might find the discovery disturbing, Mr Thompson said: "I don't think it devalues people's opinions of dolphins. They're quite remarkable as wild animals and we should respect them for what they are, not what we think they are."

Vitamin sales ban attacked by MPs

THE GOVERNMENT was last By Colin Brown night condemned for accepting deeply flawed advice to ban the sale over the counter of large doses of vitamin B6, which is used by three million women to relieve premenstrual tension or

k faces gram llenge

The damning report by a of MPs came as an embarrassing blow to Jeff Rooker, the agriculture minister, who is pressing ahead with the new safety limits, and cast fresh doubts on the threat to limit the intake of other vitamins such as vitamin C.

The report also threatened to engulf the Ministry of Agriculture in a new controversy over its "nannying" in seeking to protect the public from risks in the wake of the beef-on-thebone ban.

The findings could lead to a reprieve for consumers who regularly take high doses of the lems, including premenstrual tension, and who would have to get a prescription for high doses if the new limits are passed.

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The MPs urged Mr Rooker to abandon his proposal to limit MPs said the doubts about the the sale over the counter of vitamin B6 to a daily dose of 10mg, and seek a voluntary agreement allowing doses to tablishing a lowest observed adten times that limit.

They made an extraordinary attack on the "stubbornness" of the Committee on Toxicity in Foods (Cot), which advised Mr Rooker to set the safe limit at 10mg.

chairman of Cot, had responded fully to questions by the MPs but it accused Cot of being "curt almost to the point of

Chief Political Correspondent

jections. Describing Cot's advice as "palpably wrong", the MPs said: "We have been dismayed by the stubbornness and defensiveness which Cot has displayed following serious cross-party select committee scientific challenges which have been made to its findings."

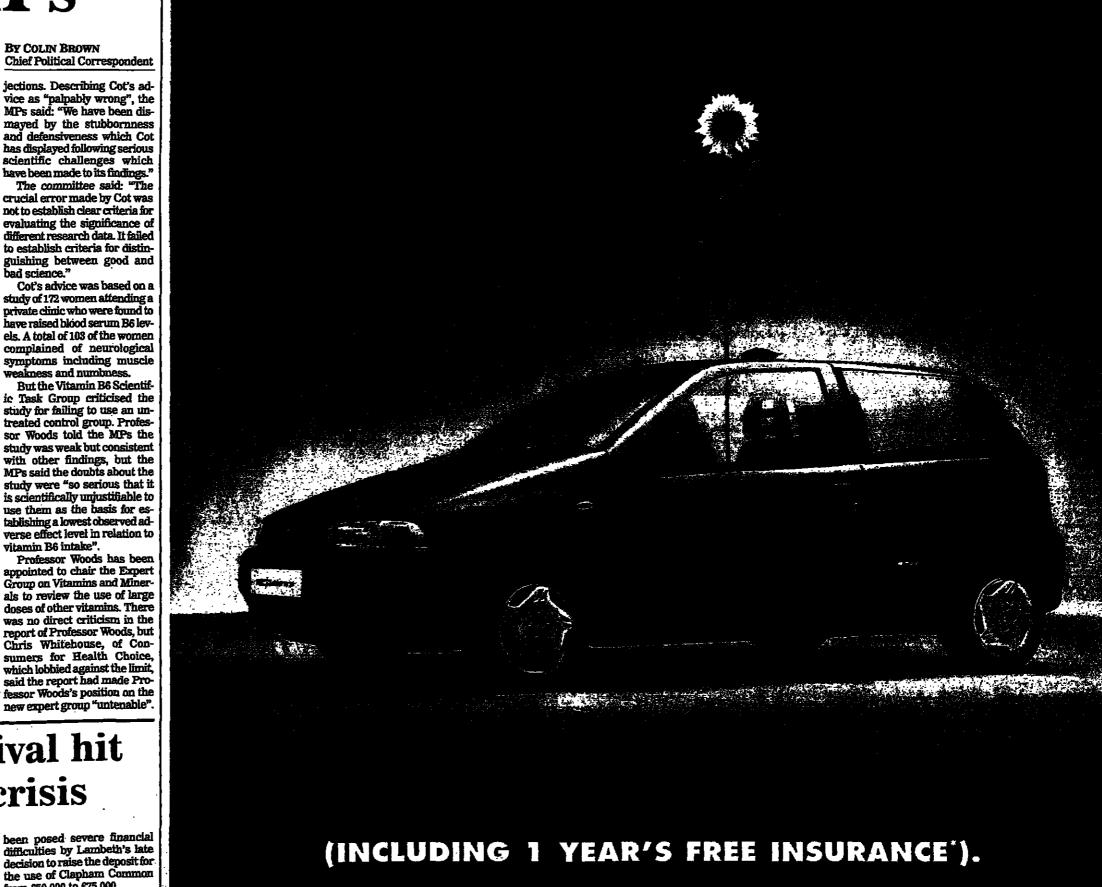
The committee said: "The crucial error made by Cot was not to establish clear criteria for evaluating the significance of different research data. It failed to establish criteria for distinguishing between good and bad science.

Cot's advice was based on a study of 172 women attending a private clinic who were found to have raised blood serum B6 levels. A total of 103 of the women complained of neurological symptoms including muscle weakness and numbness.

But the Vitamin B6 Scientifvitamin B6 for a range of prob- ic Task Group criticised the study for failing to use an untreated control group. Professor Woods told the MPs the study was weak but consistent with other findings, but the study were "so serious that it is scientifically unjustifiable to use them as the basis for esverse effect level in relation to vitamin B6 intake".

Professor Woods has been appointed to chair the Expert Group on Vitamins and Minerals to review the use of large doses of other vitamins. There The select committee, was no direct criticism in the chaired by Tory MP Peter Luff, report of Professor Woods, but said Professor H F Woods, the Chris Whitehouse, of Consumers for Health Choice, which lobbied against the limit, said the report had made Professor Woods's position on the rudeness" with consumer ob-

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Gay festival hit by cash crisis

GAY PRIDE, the biggest gay and been posed severe financial lesbian festival in Europe, has been postponed this year because of a cash shortage.

The organiser, Pride Events UK, is struggling to raise an extra £25,000 deposit demanded by London's Lambeth Council. A £20,000 fee for the Metropolitan Police for securialso needs to be paid.

Pride Events UK said: "The Pride '98 festival and march have been postponed Pride Events UK is currently in negotiations with Lambeth Council and the police to reschedule."

The company now expects the event, originally scheduled for 4 July, to take place later, Pride Events UK said it had lowing last year's event. probably in August.

from £50,000 to £75,000. The council became worried at the growing size of the event

difficulties by Lambeth's late

and insisted on a maximum capacity of 100,000 - less than half last year's attendance - forcing ty at the festival and the march Pride Events UK to issue £5 tickets for a festival which previously was free. That in turn led to the police charging for the first time for security at the event. So far only about a third of the tickets have been sold.

This is the first time that Pride Events UK has staged the festival, which first took place 27 years ago. The previous organiser went bust fol-

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Homes scandal: Buckinghamshire made 'serious mistakes' over complaints about treatment of patients

Council told to act on abuse of mentally ill

A COUNCIL finally apologised yesterday to dozens of mentally disabled people brutally abused while in its care following the publication of a damning independent report

into its actions. **Buckinghamshire** County Council, which last year said it was "proud" of how it handled the case, said it now accepted "serious mistakes" were made. Its social services director, Jean Jeffery, is to take early retirement

Residents of two private homes run by Gordon Rowe and licensed by the council endured mental, physical and sexual abuse over a period of more than a decade.

But although complaints were made, many families of the residents knew nothing of the scandal until 1994 when The Independent exposed a secret report into the offences.

Yesterday, the nine-month inquiry - ordered by the Government after Buckinghamshire refused to act concluded with 95 recommendations to ensure such a tragedy did not happen again.

Among them was a plea for those who harm or exploit vulnerable adults to face up to 10 years in prison instead of the current maximum penalty of two years. The report also proposed tighter regulations for the registration and inspection of residential care centres and of day services for people with learning disabilities.

Other local authorities should also take note, added Dr Philippa Russell, a community care adviser to the report.

The case was "an important marker in a long process of change within which we are beginning to recognise both the rights of people with learning disabilities as citizens but also to acknowledge their vulnera-

BY LOUISE JURY

servant, found "serious mistakes" were made by the council and its inspectors concerning the homes run by Gordon Rowe and his company,

Longcare. Inspectors failed to investigate concerns raised as early as 1983 when Rowe first applied for registration and again from 1991, when the council began receiving complaints.

"The abusive regime at Longcare should have been exposed and ended earlier." Mr Burgner concluded.

An inexperienced inspection unit failed to investigate prop-

KEY POINTS

Recommendations for the council and for government: A new criminal offence of causing harm to or exploiting a vulnerable adult with 10 years' imprisonment maximum penalty.

All complaints should be investigated as a requirement of the Registered Homes Act 1984. Staff making complaints

should receive protection. Inspection unit should produce standards for residential homes for people with learning disabilities.

cants seeking to register to run homes. Adult protection committees should be set up to co-

Tougher checks on appli-

ordinate action.

erly so there was no systematic accumulation of the evidence. The report gives much sup-

port to families who argued the council should never have allowed Rowe a licence because of complaints made at his pre-The inquiry team led by Tom and that it should have been Burgner, a former senior civil withdrawn when the new complaints were made.

Although progress has been made in social services provision, Mr Burgner said Buckinghamshire's policies were

The greatest single weakness in Buckinghamshire's services for people with learning disabilities is the absence of strategic direction and visionary leadership within social services and jointly with other key agencies."

Mr Burgner said openness. vigilance and support for staff who blow the whistle on poor practice were needed to protect

The report also stressed the importance of co-ordination with agencies, including health officials and the police.

Detectives who originally investigated the case did not consider charges under the Mental Health Act, although convictions were eventually secured under that legislation.

Up to 50 residents of Longcare, some with a mental age of only three, are thought to have suffered abuse, ill-treatment or neglect at the hands of Gordon Rowe, his wife, Angela, and some staff. Rowe committed suicide before he could be charged with offences including rape. Angela was jailed for two and a half years.

Yesterday Richard Worrall, the new chairman of the social services committee, said: When I meet (the families and residents] I want to say to each and every one of them I am very sorry for what you have gone through.

But he said implementing the recommendations would require funding at a time when the authority was facing making cuts to services.

Paul Boateng, the health minister, said he expected Buckinghamshire to act on its Leading article,

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Victim who paid with her life

to benefit from the 95 recom- By Louise Jury mendations laid down by Tom Burgner and his inquiry team. She died in 1996 at the age of 28.

Ms Ward was epileptic and had learning disabilities. The official cause of her death was a seizure. But her sister, Pauline Hennessey, believes Janet never really recovered from abuse at the hands of Gordon

JANET WARD is not alive today

If Rowe had not killed himself, he would have faced a string of rape charges that would have laid bare the harsh. bullying and abusive regime of his two Buckinghamshire

Janet Ward would have probably given evidence. Her sister believes she would have over the rape allegations.

when he said he was her boyfriend: "She would say, 'Gordon said he loved me. Why did he hurt me?

Eventually, the young woman's health began to deteriorate. She became disruptive and unable to speak. Her family removed her from the home only to discover several months later that she had been

This devastating blow came just two days before The Independent revealed that Buckinghamshire social services had kept secret a damning report into the running of the two Longcare homes.

Mrs Hennessey, 36, from Halstead, Essex, still believes marks over his name that the inquiry should have in-



Janet Ward died after a seizure in 1996, aged 28

initial decision to grant Rowe a licence despite the fact that there were serious question

feared would be a whitewash. "But it's important that the recommendations are acted on and followed through," she

Those victims suffered for wish is for us to learn from it. Let's prevent it happening to Many of the families are still

in touch through the support group Justice for Longcare Survivors, which Mrs Hennessey helped set up. "I think a lot of them are so

wrapped up with the injustice and picking up the pieces, I don't think they've had time to reflect really," she said.

of trying not to think about it they [Angela Rowe, Lorraine and doing something about it Field and Desmond Tully But as far as it goes, Pauline instead. I'm fighting, but I were found guilty, they would Ms Ward believed Rowe vestigated Buckinghamshire's Hennessey is pleased at the can't think about the things not say sorry."

conclusions of an inquiry she they did to Janet. It just makes

The fact that they let it continue is what really upsets me, when they could have stopped it so much earlier." One final annoyance re-

anything up to 10 years. My one mains. The families were appalled when they were told they could not attend yesterday's unveiling of the report. "Yet again, it's a classic ex-

ample of the way Buckinghamshire treat the parents," she

"I believe that if Buckinghamshire had said that they were sorry and admitted some responsibility for what happened, most of us wouldn't have taken it further. It was the "In my ease, it's a question sheer arrogance. Even after

Electronic smog -'invisible assassin'

IT IS the invisible assassin of BY STEVE CONNOR computer networks and its latest victims are thousands of travellers on the London Underground, where trains have been delayed by signalling lution and to stop the interfer-Electronic "smog" ~ inter-

ference caused by the growth of electrical gadgets such as mobile phones and pagers - is creating havoc with computercontrolled signals being installed on the Central Line.

London Underground admitted yesterday that the phenomenon is hitting its attempt to introduce the state-of-the-art signalling system. The computers have shut down as a fail-safe precaution when communications between the trains and the track have become confused due to the electronic power sources.

A spokesman said that the company intends to install shielding equipment to prevent the electronic smog from creating further problems.

"To an extent the problem has affected all stations on the line but not always to the point that it creates a system failure.

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BRIS WATE Science Editor

We don't care where it comes from, we just want to find a soence," he said.

Power cables on the Underground are thought to be. primarily responsible for generating the electromagnetic disturbances that have affected the signalling computers. But laptops, mobile phones and other devices are believed to be making matters worse, the spokesman said.

Electronic smog has been a growing problem because of the inclusion of sophisticated microelectronic circuitry in everything from cars and washing machines to phones and

Edward Leigh, when he was trade and industry minister in 1993, cited instances of electronic smog causing fatal accidents - a British worker died when a computer-controlled crane dropped its load; robots killed two Japanese workers when the machines ran out of control; and anti-lock brakes would suddenly came into operation on a section of German motorway that ran past a pow-

erful radio transmitter. Mobile phones have been blamed for interfering with hospital life-support systems and were even credited with disrupting the computers controlling the moving stage sets for Sunset Boulevard, the Andrew Llovd Webber musical.

Airlines warn passengers to switch off mobile phones and laptops at critical stages in the flight because of interference to sensitive navigation computers

A European-wide directive came into effect in 1996 to curb unwanted emissions of electromagnetic waves from electrical devices. But some experts believe it is failing to stem the growth of electronic pollution.

The best method of shielding equipment against electronic smog is to build a device called a Faraday cage around the equipment, which the military has done for years to protect its command and control systems from electronic jamming. This, however is cumbersome and too expensive for most civilian

Grandfather 'threw girl, 3, to death'

A THREE-YEAR-OLD girl was By KIM SENGUPTA flung to her death from a seventh floor flat by her drunken grandfather after she pleaded to be taken home to her mother, the Old Bailey was told yes-

terday A neighbour thought at first that Anthony Volney was throwing a bag of rubbish over the balcony. But, the court was told, it was his granddaughter Sasha Davies, who received terrible injuries and died after spending three days uncon-

scious in hospital. Sasha, 12 days from her fourth birthday, was meant to have been looked after by Mr Volney on the evening of the al-

leged murder. She was taken to a club near his home in Kilburn, north-west London, where he had caused trouble after drinking and had been asked to

When police forced their way into his flat after the body was found, Mr Volney, 59, allegedly said: "Oh no, what have I done to her I should be dead." He was too drunk to be in-

terviewed that night, but claimed the following day that the girl must have wandered off and fallen from the balcony as

prosecution, told the court that Sasha had been taken to the flat by her mother, Nadia Davies, and Mr Volney had offered to look after her

The girl had spent the night with him before and she was happy with the arrangement. At the time he seemed his normal, happy self, said Ms Davies.

Sasha was later taken by her mother and grandfather to a local club, and Ms Davies left her there with him. He was thrown out later and took Sasha with him, dragging her towards his flat. "She was screaming 'I want to go home', and he was saying 'you little s***'," said Mr Lovell-Plank

block of flats heard Sasha crying in "a pitiful way", said Mr Lovell-Plank She saw him push the girl

so violently that her head col-

lided with a wall of the building.

She could hear the impact some 40 yards away." One of Mr Volney's neighbours described what he saw and heard once Sasha was

taken back to the flat Mr Lovell-Plank said: "He heard a child in distress and a man who was swearing a lot. He thought the girl sounded petrified. Every time she said something, the man would swear back and she would

A woman living opposite the scream even more. There was one last scream, then he saw the gefendant pick up the girl with both hands and drop her over the balcony."

However Mr Lovell-Plank said, it was dark and at first he thought it may have been a bag of rubbish.

Mr Lovell-Plank told the jury: "The killing of small children is always upsetting. It makes us angry and can make us emotional. Try if you can to put such feelings to one side."

Mr Volney, of Kilburn, northwest London denies murdering Sasha Davies on 6 August last

The case continues.

Teleworking revolution gathers pace

AN EXTRA 300,000 employees in By BARRIE CLEMENT Britain started to work from home over the past 12 months as part of the "teleworking" revolution, says a poll published

But while high-tech companies are quickly shedding the "burns-on-seats" approach to work, traditionally managed organisations are resisting the change, the MORI survey indicated. The poll, commis-

Labour Editor

sioned by information technology group Mitel, found that more than 5 per cent of the working population - some 1.3 million people - now spend part of their working week at home, compared with 1 million

in the previous 12 months. It was found that nearly one in three "knowledge workers",

especially in the financial sector, telecommunications, marketing, sales, professional services and media were now teleworking or planning to do so.

In a booklet published yesterday by the Confederation of British Industry and Mitel, it was argued that far more jobs could be partly performed at home with the help of an online computer, or even a lap-top

styles, an Oxford consultancy, forecast that 25 per cent of jobs could be the subject of teleworking while the Telework, Telecottage and Telecentre Association estimates that the proportion could be as much as

However, in nine out of 10 businesses where employees are not already teleworking managements say they have no

a half of all non-manual jobs.

"Company policy" is cited as the reason.

Paul Butcher, managing director of Mitel, said that while Britain was way ahead of continental countries in switching to home-working, we were behind

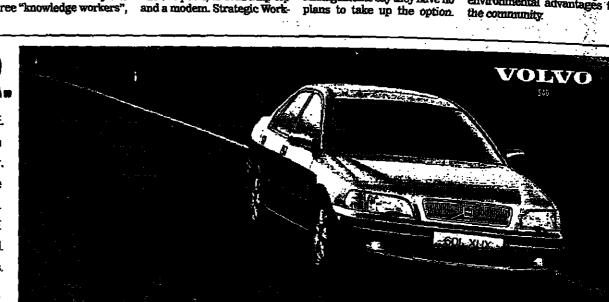
Mitel argues that there are substantial long-term financial advantages for companies, and environmental advantages for

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Life and times: President of Sinn Fein and MP for West Belfast. Wrote of his prison experiences in the book "Cage 11: "For a while I was an internee, a sentenced prisoner and a remand prisoner, all at the same time." Released from internment in the summer of 1972 to take part in secret talks with the



In January 1973 jailed for six months by a Dublin court for IRA membership. In February 1974 same court sentenced him to 12 months on a similar charge. In 1976 IRA membership charges dropped by a



Record: Prison terms in Belfast, Dublin. & London, also held in Holland

Life and times: in 1960s escaped from prison in both Belfast and Dublin. Sentenced to life Imprisonment for placing car bomb at. London's Old Bailey in 1972; almost escaped from Wormwood Scrubs; later transferred to Northern Ireland, escaping from the Maze in 1983. Rearrested in Amsterdam, returned to Northern Ireland, freed several years



Life and times: Arrested while transporting an Ulster Volunteer Force bomb. Was forced by troops to defuse it at grapoint, later jailed. Released in 1980, first standing for election in 1984.



In 1975 received two life sentences for ? the murders of two Catholic Halfbrothers shot dead on the Falls Road Was 18 years old at the time of the killings. Released on licence in 1991.

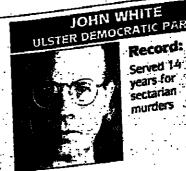
Record:

Served 15

years for

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murders



Life and times: in 1978 received two life sentences for the murders, committed in 1973, of a nationalist politician and a Protestant woman. Released on licence in 1992. Met John Major in Downing Street and

The hard men seeking Ulster's votes Fein members making up most years to the day, in fact, before tomorrow's election.

ALL OVER Northern Ireland By DAVID MCKITTRICK men with serious prison records are banging on doors, pushing objects through letterboxes and accosting citizens going about their business. Police are doing nothing about this. The reason is that these peo-

Ireland Correspondent

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ple are involved not in illegal activity but in electioneering, seeking seats in the new Belfast assembly whose 108 members will be elected tomorrow.

The Irish peace process means that the assembly will bring together not only conventional politicians but also republicans and loyalists whose previous paramilitary activities led them to long stretches

The phenomenon of prisoner-turned-politician is a familiar one in Irish history, and is often regarded not as a disgrace but as a badge of honour. The 1960s terms served by the Rev Ian Paisley were recently commemorated in a new

stained-glass window in his Martyrs' Memorial Church. Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness, of Sinn Fein, are already MPs, while a number of their Unionist counterparts have also been to jail following

protests against the Anglo-

Irish agreement. Mr Paisley's deputy, Peter Robinson, spent some time in prison in the south for a nocturnal incursion

across the border Perhaps 20 republican and loyalist assembly candidates have been to prison, with Sinn

of these. Republicans have regularly elected ex-prisoners; in 1981 they elected to Westminster Bobby Sands, the IRA prisoner who was at the time on

hunger strike in the Maze. In recent years, Protestants have shown a greater willingness to follow suit, as can be seen in the rise of parties such as the PUP and UDP, which grew out of paramilitary groups. Figures such as David Ervine and Billy Hutchinson are already Belfast councillors, and stand a good chance of election to the assembly.

What is unusual is that many Catholics say they intend to vote for such loyalist candidates, saying they approve of their transition from the paramilitary to the political.

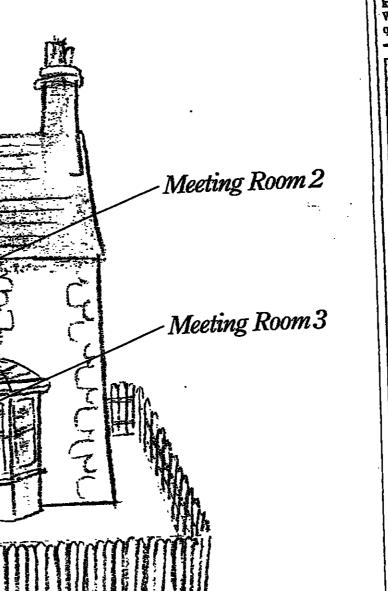
But for many the idea of transformation is no less difficult and painful because the path is a familiar one. The killings carried out by John White of the UDP took place a quarter of a century ago - 25

But the fact the victims were stabbed dozens of times means the killings are remembered as being among the most brutal of the troubles. Two years ago, when John White met John Major, the son of one of those killed said: "When I look at White's face I think about the screams of pain he must have listened to. The screams must haunt [him], musin't they?"

In a rejoinder, Mr White wrote: "I can fully understand the hurt and anger felt towards me. It is natural and I accept it. "I do not ask him for for-

giveness for his father's death, merely for recognition of the fact that my life is now devoted to trying to avoid further suffering it is often those who have been closest to the conflict who become the most constructive forces, Such positive contribution should not be inhibited; it

should be encouraged."
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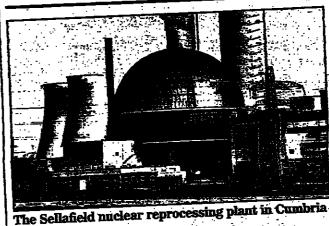
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Councils want curbs on work · at Sellafield

MORE THAN 100 councils in By CHARLES ARTHUR England and Wales are so worried about the chances of a devastating nuclear accident at the Sellafield reprocessing plant that they aim to mount a legal challenge to the govern-ment's Nuclear Installations Inspectorate (NII), which li-

cences the site. The 117-strong UK Nuclear Free Local Authorities group ioined calls by Gordon Thompson, an American nuclear scientist, for a halt to reprocessing of reactor waste at the British Nuclear Fuels installation. Only that, said Dr Thompson, would substantially reduce the risk of an accident in the 1,000 cubic metres of highly radioactive waste stored in 21 water-cooled

tanks at the site. If an earthquake, operator accident, or terrorist attack occurred the waste could be released, with effects up to 100 imes worse than the 1986 Chernobyl reactor explosion. The Irish Sea would be polluted with plutonium, while an explosion could release radioactive caesium that would contaminate anything it landed on.

The nuclear industry and the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate doesn't understand the risks faced by its own industry, but the Chernobyl accident is the precedent," said Dr Thompson

Local authorities which could be affected by an accident at Sellafield want the NII to publicise the data it uses to decide the risks posed by installations. They are considering court action to force such openness.

But a spokesman for the NIL a subdivision of the Health and Safety Executive, said nuclear inspectors' hands were bound by the 1974 Health and Safety at Work Act, which prohibits inspectors from releasing any information about sites they examine without the express permission of the sites' owners.

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"It doesn't sound as though there's any abuse of the law by the NIL" said a spokesman. "It sounds instead like the councils are calling for entirely new laws, such as a Freedom of Information Act." Both Dr Thompson and

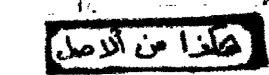
Martin Hemingway, a Leeds councillor who is chair of UK Nuclear Free Local Authorities, attacked the culture of secrecy which pervades the present civil nuclear regime in Britain. Mr Hemingway said: "NII is the safety regulator and must act in the public interest, not

BNFL's, to maintain public confidence. Last week the NII said it was forced to suppress vital safety information about Dounreay reprocessing plant to avoid jeopardising commercial prospects there. The NII could only release its damning report on Dounreay safety because the plant now has no commercial prospects. We fear a similar story of 'tail wags dog' at Sell-

"BNFL can stamp 'commercial in confidence on documents, or assert proprietorial rights to basic safety information to prevent NII from releasing it for public scrutiny. We believe that this weakens regulation and prevents public accountability. The Government must review the relationship be-

tween regulator and operator" Dr Thompson, director of the Massachusetts-based Institute for Resource and Security Studies, said the best option would be to stop reprocessing now, and address the backlog of waste that now has to be cooled to stop it overheating

BNFL has said that the present backlog will not be dealt with until at least 2015. But Dr Thompson said that by stopping reprocessing now, the existing waste could be vitrified by 2007.



China visit: The leaders of two great powers meet with high expectations but little chance of major agreements

Clinton's mission impossible in China

WHITE HOUSE officials in Washington have presented President Bill Clinton's nineday state visit to China as the most important foreign trip of his second term, perhaps of his presidency. They give the distinct impression, though, that

deep-down, they wish it wasn't. True, they have had less time to prepare than expected. Originally planned for the end of the year, the visit was brought forward at the urging of China. President Jiang Zemin made his state visit to Washington last November, and was reportedly keen that it should be reciprocated sooner rather than later - for reasons

Yet, no major agreements are on the cards. That peren-



Clinton: avoiding trouble

nial standby of content-free summits, establishing a "hotline" for confidential calls in an emergency, was one of the few agreements at last year's Washington summit.

The follow-up may be a reciprocal agreement to de-target nuclear missiles from each other's cities - missiles which may not even be so targeted at present. That would be a mild crowd-pleaser in the United States, given the frisson caused by a "leaked" (and unconfirmed) CIA report about Chinese missiles last month, but not much to show for nine days in the Orient.

For Mr Clinton, and the vast team of Cabinet secretaries and senior aides accompanying him. the overriding consideration is to foster improving relations with China while avoiding political trouble at home. What is seen as the diplomatic entrapment of Vice-President Al Gore last year when he participated in a televised champagne toast with Peng - otherwise known as may look more like high-class the "butcher of Peking" - is en- tourism than the most imporgraved in the collective mem- tant foreign trip of his presi-

back home at the same time is ic four pas to his name, this ficient by Washington. not the easiest of tricks, how- may be as much of a success as

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Democrats. They remember his presidential campaign pitch in for what he saw then as the Bush administration's pandering to an oppressive and corrupt regime in Peking. Mr Clinton changed his mind

alternative to "constructive enfor dealing with China - was "dangerous isolation". He cited growth of US business with China, the freedom (in exile) granted to several prominent dissidents, China's diplomatic support in talks with North Korea and following the nuclear tests by India and Pakresisted pressure to devalue its currency in the wake of the

In the US, it is crucial for Mr Clinton not to seen to kowtow to China, especially on human rights. His words and comportment at the welcoming ceremony on Tiananmen Square - easily the most controversial part of his visit domestically will have to be judged with ex-

Weapons sales are banned under the post-Tiananmen Square sanctions and, Mr Clinton cannot act without other

ory of Bill Clinton's White dency. But if he returns to House, never to be repeated. Washington with an attractive latest concessions on market Pleasing China and the folks set of videos and no diplomat- access are still deemed insuf-

opinion has not forgotten or forgiven the events on Tiananmen Square nine years ago. Congress is overwhelmingly hostile to what the majority Republicans see as the Clinton administration's over-indulgence of Peking.

Nor can Mr Clinton count on support from Congressional 1992, which included contempt

about China policy very early in

A visit to relatives of some of the Tiananmen victims, or a private tribute, would be viewed positively in the US; an apology from President Jiang would be even more welcome – but

US is trade. The administration

nations

his presidency. Most recently he told US China-watchers that the gagement" – Washington code as the benefits of his policy the istan, and the way Peking has Asian economic crisis. Mr Clinton must ensure

nothing happens during his visit to dispel this impression of

treme care.

neither looks likely. The other major topic for the

and business both have an interest in reducing the large Chinese trade surplus which stands - by US calculations - at \$63bn. But as a champion of free trade Mr Clinton can hardly restrict imports.

ever. Polls show that US public the White House dare hope for. keen on a new fourth joint contributions. Such are the

FROM THE moment the Amer- By TERESA POOLE

A Chinese boy in Tiananmen Square yesterday shows his enthusiasm for the American president's visit

tomorrow, feted by 800 coscommuniqué on Taiwan, but this also has been ruled out. designed for a Tang Dynasty For Peking, Taiwan remains emperor, Peking's main stratthe most important bilateral issue in Sino-US relations, and egy is to showcase its country to the world, and particularly to China's leaders will be pressing for other written commitments from Washington that Image-making is high on China's agenda during the America opposes Taiwan's eight days Bill Clinton will independence and its memspend on the mainland, which bership of the United Nations.

Peking wants Washington to remove barriers to technology exports, satellite launches. and financial credits, as well as 1989 Tiananmen Square mas-Organisation (WTO) looks off sacre.

the cards because Peking's But these issues have been clouded by domestic political scandals in the US, including China's leaders were very and alleged Chinese campaign

domestic sensitivities that even plans for Mr Clinton to visit various US corporations in China have been removed from the itinerary.

Peking warms to benefits of PR

An agreement on nuclear weapons de-targeting is similarly unlikely to emerge. Peking has already made clear it does not support the American proposal that the two countries stop pointing nuclear missiles at each other, arguing instead for a pact on "no first use".

China is, therefore, looking to the visit to shift the world's preconceptions about the diplomacy and economics, and points to its decision to keep pavements of June 1989. the yuan stable during the Asian financial crisis

It also wants to be seen as satellite technology transfers a fast-modernising country more symbolic in domestic and alleged Chinese campaign with global clout. The Compolitical terms than the Chimunist propaganda machine is

lifetime and attempting a bit of autumn. The Chinese Imperi-"constructive engagement" with the image-makers - the international media.

Guided tours are on offer this week to a farm, the Capital Iron and Steel Factory, and Peking University, and officials are being wheeled out to explain policies on the environment, village elections, and religious freedom. It is as if China had suddenly

discovered pro-active public relations. And all because its leaders believe that this longawaited state visit will finally A breakthrough on China's remain following the June as a global player in both image in the US, assuaging memories of the blood-stained

For President Jiang Zemin himself, the Clinton visit is a much-sought after prize, far nese president's successful

al tradition, after all, is for foreign dignitaries to beat a path to Peking to pay tribute to the Emperor.

In public, China refuses to admit the risks that it is running. By insisting that Mr Clinton's formal welcoming ceremony in Peking take place on the west side of Tiananmen Square, it hoped to demonstrate that it had moved beyond the diplomatic pariah status of June 1989.

In practice, the occasion of Mr Clinton's red carpet guard prompt more television reruns of the shootings nine years ago than any dissident

press release ever could. Mr Clinton's arrival has provided a catalyst for China's disparate pro-democracy activists to organise them-

selves. They seem embold-

thus breaking the habit of a trip to Washington last ened by the state visit. Any clumsy detentions of activists by China will eclipse Peking's public relations campaign.

Against this backdrop, and particularly for domestic consumption in the US, Mr Clinton must address the human rights issue in substantive terms in one of his public speeches. That raises the question of whether the Chinese people are going to be allowed to hear what he says. or whether the state-controlled media will be censored.

The one thing that China's leaders may not be able to forpropaganda plans fall victim to a "bimbo eruption" during the state visit. Mr Jiang wants the world to be focused on Mr Clinton's progress through a modernising China, and not on new revelations about Monica Lewinsky and China's high-profile visitor

Jakarta offers East Timor deal |Call to

reaching an agreement on East present the proposal to Portugal. Timor, the Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas yesterday said his government was ready to give the annexed country special status in a bid to find a lasting solution to the issue that Alatas added. is acceptable to the international community.

Mr Alatas said he had conveyed this to the United Nations secretary-general, Kofi Annan, during a meeting in New York

"For this aim, Indonesia is also ready to discuss the substantial elements of the special status for East Timor with Portugal, under the framework of the tripartite dialogue under the mediation of the UN secretary-general," be said.

Speaking after a meeting Abilio Araujo of the East Timor Foundation for Reconciliation and Development, Mr Alatas said that he had asked Mr Annan

IN A SIGN that the new regime and his special envoy for East in Jakarta is serious about Timor, Jamsheed Marker, to

"If necessary, the meeting could be held at the foreign ministers level and not just the senior officials level as in the previous meetings," Mr The Indonesian President

BJ Habibie is due to meet Bish-

op Carlos Belo, spiritual leader

of the East Timor today, a day before the head of state is due to make a key policy address on human rights. Bishop Belo, won the Nobel peace prize in 1996 along with self-exiled East Timorese

leader Jose Ramos-Horta for their efforts in seeking a peaceful settlement in the territory. Indonesia invaded East Timor in December 1975, ending an independence movement that rose from the ashes of a civil war in the wake of Por-



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Alatas: offer of dialogue

East Timor its 27th province in July 1976 in an act not recognised by the United Nations. which still regards Lisbon as being the administering power.

Indonesia, Portugal and the UN secretary-general have tugal abandoning its colony the been carrying on tripartite talks year before. Jakarta declared with little results since the and for all.

release early 1980s in an effort to resolve East Timor's international status. onal status.

Mr Alatas said the Indonesian

alled government believes that giving

East Timor a special status is the real solution to the issue. "If Portugal accepts the proposal, Indonesia is ready to discuss with it and the UN sec-

retary-general the substantial elements of the autonomy to be given to East Timor," he said. | release of journalists impris-He further noted that Indonesia is ready to discuss its policies in making East Timor

an autonomous region. He explained that the autonomy to be given the province will cover a large area but will exclude foreign affairs, finance, and defence and security.

However, jailed East Timorese rebel leader Xanana Gusmao has rejected Jakarta's offers of special status or autonomy, saying only a referen-dum would solve the issue once

fragments revealed "significant

amounts" of VX disulphide and

VX is a colourless, odourless liq-

uid that turns into a gas when

China "simply because they did their work honestly, or expressed opinions peacefully". The appeal draws his attention in particular to the case of Gao Yu, who was arrested on 2 October 1993 and who is serving a six-year prison sentence

crets to people outside China", the appeal said. RsF said it had information that she has life-threatening heart problems and that the stabiliser, the Post reported. only drugs she was allowed were those brought by relatives

The organisation calls on President Clinton to do everything in his power to persuade the Chinese authorities, as they have undertaken to do, to sign and ratify the UN Declaration on Human Rights, Article 19, ings during a meeting in which states that: "Everyone shall have the right to hold opinwhich states that: "Everyone ions without interference."



Nerve gas report hits Iraq's sanctions plea

A REPORT that traces of the deadly nerve gas agent VX were found on Iraqi warheads would - if true - deal a severe setback to Iraq's efforts to lift ler, is expected to discuss the crippling economic sanctions, Bill Richardson, US Ambas-

sador to the UN said yesterday. Diplomatic sources yesterday confirmed that chemical analysis of Iraqi warheads handed over to the UN Special Commission revealed traces of VX despite Baghdad's claims that it never successfully manufactured weapons from the said it will not lift sanctions on Proving Ground in Maryland, the Iraqis rejected them.

BY ROBERT H REID

in New York the commission, Richard But-

finding when he briefs the Security Council on Wednesday. "If this allegation is correct

... that will set back Iraq's efforts Richardson said. "It shows that they've been concealing, they've been lying, and it calls into question their commit-

ment to disarmament. The Security Council has

Iraq until Baghdad satisfies the samples from the warhead Butler's team that it has destroyed all weapons of mass destruction. The sanctions were imposed on Iraq in 1990 after President Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait, triggering the

1991 Gulf War. Yesterday, the Washington to try to lift sanctions," Mr Post reported that the information on VX is included in a confidential US Army laboratory analysis of warhead frag-ments taken from a pit at Taji, Iraq, in March.

gas can kill in minutes. Diplomatic sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed the Post report. They said that Mr Butler pre-sented the Iraqis with the find-Analysed at the Aberdeen

it comes into contact with oxyon monthly visits. gen. A few drops of the nerve

Sub accident humiliates N Korea

BY ANY standards, it was a humiliation. Late on Monday afternoon, 11 miles off the coast of South Korea, a midget sub-Korean navy ran into serious difficulties.

It may have drifted off course into enemy waters. More likely it was on a clandestine mission, picking up or depositing one of the spies who are believed to regularly infiltrate the South.

Either way, its mission was never accomplished. As the submarine attempted to surface, its periscope and propeller became hopelessly tangled in the nets of a South Korean trawler.

After the fishermen raised the alarm. South Korean belicopters, spotter planes and war-

By RICHARD LLOYD PARRY

ships were quickly on the scene. Last night, after being towed marine belonging to the North all day through the Sea of Japan, the 70-ton, Yugo-class sub was brought to land at the port of Tonghae, where it slowly sank in 100ft of water. Sonar scans of the vessel's hull detected no signs of movement, although such submarines typically carry a complement of

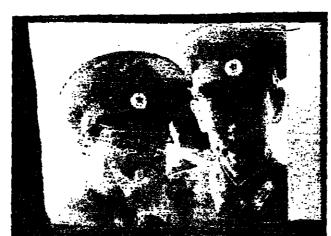
six to 10 people. inside is filled with water and that the crew perhaps drowned or suffocated due to lack of oxygen," said Major General Lim Jong Chun of the South Korean Joint Chiefs of Staff. The crew may have escaped before

the navy was called". Unconfirmed reports said that a large bang was heard coming from the vessel as it was being towed, suggesting that the occupants may even have blown themselves up.

For a country like North Korea, whose official propaganda boasts endlessly of its military might, this would be bad enough in itself, but it is not an isolated event.

In September 1996, in the same area of sea and coastline. a larger submarine ran "It probably means that the aground, leaving its crew stranded. The massive manhunt that ensued left 24 North Koreans and 13 southerners dead. Relations between the two countries remained tense for months.

But things have changed since then. In a sign of the new maturity in inter-Korean rela-

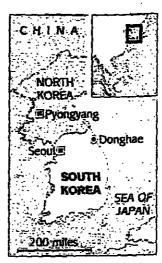


North Koreans at yesterday's UN talks Yun Suk-bong

tions, both sides appeared con- to execrate the Seoul govern-

North Korean radio, which usually misses no opportunity

cerned to play down the latest ment, reported the submarine's fate in unusually calm and detailed terms. The submarine was "wrecked while in training"



after experiencing problems with its observation and surfacing systems, it said. In the South, a stern Major

across our coastal sea areas is a clear armed provocation and a violation of the armistice agreement." But a spokesman for the South Korean president Kim Dae Jung, whose "sunshine policy" of tolerance and engagement has improved relations since his inauguration in February, was more

conciliatory. "The submarine incident will not shake our sunshine policy" he said. "The government will try even harder to embrace the North ... with patience."

In other ways, yesterday was a bright day in inter-Korean relations. For the first time in seven years, British, American and South Korean army officers representing the United Nations held talks with their General Lim said: "The fact

that the submarine infiltrated North Korean counterparts in between the two countries.

Meanwhile, South Korea's most famous businessman, Chung Ju Yung, the founder of Hyundai, returned to the South after an eight-day visit, during which he presented the famine stricken North with a gift of 500 cattle and reached an agreement to promote tourism from South to North.

Only relatively small numbers of troops appear to have been mobilised to deal with the submarine - in contrast to 1996 when the then South Korean president. Kim Young Sam, dispatched 60,000 soldiers and police to hunt down the escaped crew members and put parts of the country on a virtu-

IN BRIEF

Train wheels 'broke in tests'

GERMAN RAILWAY officials knew that high-speed train wheels were at risk of breaking years before the derailment on 2 June caused by a fractured steel tyre, a German television programme reported yesterday. One hundred people died in the crash near Eschede.

According to the ZDF Frontal report, the rim that encircles the wheel broke during tests of the high-speed Inter City Express trains held in the early 1980s.

Quayle to run for president

FORMER US Republican vice-President Dan Quayle said he is probably going to run for the White House in 2000. "I'm obviously going to wait until 1999 (to announce), but it's likely that I will run for president in the year 2000," Mr

ETA admits murders

THE BASQUE separatist group ETA yesterday admitted two more killings. ETA said it had killed Tomas Caballero. a councillor from Pamplona. on 6 May and a retired Civil Guard officer, Alfonso Parada, two days later in Vitoria.

Latvian citizenship 'piecemeal'

RUSSIAN FOREIGN Minister Yevgeny Primakov yesterday described Latvia's decision on Monday to make it easier for the country's Russian minority to become citizens of the Baltic state as "a piecemeal solution".

MPs to decide Ortega's immunity

THE NICARAGUAN parliament must decide whether to strip former president Daniel Ortega of immunity from prosecution after his stepdaughter Zoilamerica Narvaez presented MPs on Monday with sexual abuse charges against the Sandinista leader.

Beetles eat Bavarian forest

A GERMAN couple who run a restaurant in a Bavarian national park are suing to force the park to combat a bark beetle invasion. Environmentalists say chemicals attacks would harm creatures higher up the food chain.

CLARE SHORT

While the purpose of sanctions is to push governments into better behaviour, it is innocent civilians who bear the cost'

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Last days of jumbos in Hong Kong

HORDES OF Hong Kong people BY STEPREN VINES are crowding around Kai Tak airport, the last remaining major airport in the world sitnated in the heart of a city. Because of its intimate proximity to everyday lives, the airport, which moves to a new site on 6 July, is a place which inspires considerable affection, even a

sense of wonder. For those who pass it, there is nothing like the thrill of travelling down a road with a jumbo jet coasting to land seemingly inches above your head. Of course they are not that close, but they appear to be.

Pilots cannot land their aircraft at Kai Tak without special training. They have to master one of the tightest landing turns in the world in order to take their machines at a sharp 47-degree angle onto the final descent path, which starts just beyond a housing estate and ends off a strip of reclaimed

The pilots like to joke that the nes help to dry the washing strung out on the lines poking out of the housing estates because the turbulence from the planes causes the clothes to sway gently in the breeze.

As for the passengers and the hordes of friends and relatives who flock to the airport to greet and send off passengers, they enjoy the convenience of Kai Tak's central location.

Unlike most airports, users are not held hostage to the high prices for refreshments. They just cross the road and visit the warrens full of restaurants and small cafés and which offer much more lively fare than the average airport.

Kai Tak was named - appropriately in property-obsessed Hong Kong - after the two property developers. Starting life as an airfield for daredevil aviation enthusiasts and as a base for occasional RAF flights, it slowly grew into one of the world's biggest international airports.

The runway steadily extended further into the sea and the crowds cramming the airport were so large that by 1985 the complex had reached its ca-

But stuck in the middle of town, as it was, room for expansion was limited. So the decision was taken to create a new site on the tip of a remote island which would be extended by a massive land-fill project. That project is now complete

in Hong Kong

and it will no doubt create a more efficient, state-of-the-art airoort

But it will also mean the end of an era not just for those taking planes but for the many Hong Kong people who used to climb to the top of the crumbling tenements in Kowloon City, where the airport is situated, to get a fantastic view of the planes at close range.

Some shops in the area offered visits to the rooftops as one of the main shopping attractions, gambling on the hope that plane spotters would buy something on the way

A great many other Hong Kong people have another strong reason to feel nostalgic about the loss of the airport. Until a decade ago the departure hall was filled with school land jutting out into the harbour students diligently doing their homework. No one had invited them there, but the good lighting and air conditioning hured these students from poor families, living in cramped and noisy flats. The airport was far from ideal as a study centre but infinitely preferable to their

> Finally the authorities decided the children had to go. They were worried that they were giving Hong Kong a bad

Strangely, the bureaucrats could not see that the determination and application of these children was giving Hong Kong the best possible image. They demonstrated the will to succeed despite poor circumstances and showed the sense of initiative and opportunism which has made the place flourish

The people of Hong Kong will have to trek to the island of Chek Lap Kok, north of Lantau to reach their new airport. Designed by British architects Foster and Partners, it will be the world's largest airport, handling about 35 million passengers a year. It will become operational on 6 July.

The crowds packing into Kai Tak for a last look are expected to peak this weekend. Thanks to the spirit of entrepreneurship which permeates Hong Kong there will be plenty of souvenir offers and special events at nearby eating places to ensure that the last buck is made out of Kai Tak

Microsoft appeal victory Psychiatrist's call

A jumbo flies through the bousing estates into Kai Tak airport. The new airport opens on 6 July

THE US government suffered a By ANDREW MARSHALL major legal defeat in its campaign against Microsoft

An appeal court ruled that Microsoft was quite within its rights to combine its Internet browser with its operating system, the key issue in the government's competition case against Bill Gates' software

Microsoft's enemies argue that it is using its dominance of the market for operating systems - the basic software that makes the hardware in computers work together - to build a dominant position in internet software. Browsers are the basic software that allows computer users to use the Internet, and Microsoft has slowly edged its rivals, like Netscape, out of

the market. A lower court had granted an

in Washington

injunction against Microsoft on the grounds that it had tied its Web browser to Windows 95, breaking a 1995 agreement. and fined the company \$1m (£628m) a day. Microsoft had argued that the two were legitimately linked, but the court disagreed.

Yesterday's ruling said that the court had been wrong in the procedures that it had used, and in its argument about the

It ruled that an "integrated product" was one which combined separate functions in a way that was useful for consumers - something which Microsoft has always argued was the case for the Internet brows-

The US Justice Department argument, it will make the

has brought a broader competition case against Microsoft, more difficult to argue, and will increase criticism from business which is set to be heard in September. that the Justice Department The Appeals Court ruling has overreached itself.

cuts away the ground from The court said that the second, larger case might suunder the government. It comes at a propitious time for percede the narrower issue Microsoft, which this week will upon which it had been asked release Windows 98, its latest to rule. It said that the Justice Deoperating system. The main elling point of the new product partment "may well regard furis that it integrates the computer with the Internet even

ther pursuit of this case as unpromising, especially given the alternative avenues developing in its recently launched Though the latest judgement overturns the injunction, it does separate attacks on Microsoft's not prevent the Justice Depractices Whatever the legal niceties, partment from proceeding with its effort to dislodge Microsoft

Wall Street clearly though the judgement was good news for Bill Gates, Microsoft's stock price, which has suffered as the government has assembled its case against the company, leapt by more than three points.

ends plane hijack

"I GOT my wires crossed," said Javier Gomez, explaining why he had hijacked a Boeing 727 from Seville to Barcelona yesterday with 131 people on board. Brandishing a remotecontrol "zapper", the 40-yearold Sevillian threatened to detonate a remote-control bomb unless the pilot took the aircraft to Tel Aviv. He forced the plane to land in Valencia for refuelling.

Valencia airport was closed all morning. The government set up an emergency cabinet and the Interior Minister, Jaime Mayor Oreja, rushed to the scene. But after a four-hour stand-off. Mr Gomez, who is undergoing treatment for paranoid schizophrenia and has a police record, gave himself up and all those on board the Iberia

By Elizabeth Nash

sives were later found on board. The crisis ended when Mr Gomez was persuaded to take a mobile telephone call from his psychiatrist, Ildefonso Mateo, in Seville. "After talking to him for four minutes, he softened and the situation was resolved." Dr Mateo later told Spanish television. Among the passengers was the Mayor of Seville. Soledad Becerril, en route to

Lucerne in Switzerland. The Israeli ambassador to Spain, Ehud Gol, said Mr Gomez first demanded to fly to Athens, then changed his demand to Tel Aviv. The Israeli authorities had said they would not allow the plane to land on aircraft were freed. No explotheir territory.

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Effectively, it throws the case

back to the judge who will hear

But by undermining the key



Mandela: fair redistribution key to peace Tom Pilston

Mandela calls for land reform

SOUTH AFRICA'S President By BUCHIZYA MSETEKA Nelson Mandela warned yes- in Ladysmith terday that only a fair redistribution of land to its former black owners would guarantee peace as the country emerged from apartheid minority rule.

Mr Mandela was speaking at an emotional ceremony in this sleepy town in the volatile KwaZulu-Natal province, held to mark the handing back of more than 600,000 hectares of land to former black owners. Mr Mandela, who became

president in 1994 in the country's first democratic elections, said the Land Reform Programme that his government bad enacted in its first year in power would belp right the wrongs of the past.

"Our land reform programme helps redress the injustices of apartheid. It fosters national reconciliation

and stability," he told a gathering, which included the Zulu King, Goodwill Zwelithini. "It also underpins economic growth and improves house-hold welfare and food securi-

ty." he added. The ceremony involved handing back land to about 85 black households, whose land was expropriated by whites during the apartheid era. Up to 25 of the beneficiaries were black women.

Mr Mandela said that his

government's land reform, which involves negotiations between the victims of apartheid and the whites who still own most of South Africa's best land, would help create stability by raising

ing in land reform is matched in our efforts to address the poverty that apartheid cre-

South Africa's land reform programme contrasts sharply with that of neighbouring Zimbabwe where the government of President Robert Mugabe has given notice that it will expropriate land from white owners without any

ated." he said.

compensation. In South Africa, land redistribution is done through the Restitution of Land Rights Act enacted in 1994. This involves buying back land at market value after negotiations between former black owners and white farmers.

Land ownership is one of the most emotive issues in South Africa, where whites make up 13 per cent of the population but control over 70 per cent of the land.

tenure protection to shield South Africa's parliament black farmworkers from arbipassed legislation soon after trary eviction by landowners the first all-race election in 1994 giving thousands of blacks stripped of their land under decades of apartheid three years to claim it back.

aiready been lodged with the commission, which is overseeing the restitution of land Statistics show that up to 400,000 hectares of land have

About 23,000 cases have

been redistributed back to almost a quarter of a million of former black owners. But the scheme has its critics, who say land redistribution is not moving fast enough and say the government programme must be speeded up

if South Africa is to avoid

also became law in South Africa in November last year. The farmworkers, who are mostly black have been one of the most disadvantaged sec-

Ground-breaking

tors in the country. Previously, they had no recourse to the law in cases of eviction, even if their families had worked the same farm land for decades.

Mr Mandela's government is not bent on a confrontational approach with white farmers and businessmen. It is also encouraging new black land owners to join in economic partnerships with white businessmen and former land

AP Johannesburg — A

land nesburg has landed Winnie Madikizela-Mandela in trouble. It began at the British Airways first-class check-in counter at Heathrow Airport last week, when Mr Mandela's former wife tried to board a flight with excess baggage.

When she was told she had to pay £1,000 for extra luggage, she said she had only one-third of the money. After arriving in South Africa, she fired off a letter to the airline, saying she had been travelling first-class on a diplomatic passport and had expected better treatment.

After opposition politicians asked why she had such a diplomatic passport the government said Ms Madikizela-Mandela was no longer entitled to such a privilege. It had been issued to her when she was a minister, a post she flight from London to Johan- lost three years ago.



Two elderly Romanian women help each other on the main street of the flooded Tirnaveni city, 350 kms north of Bucharest. The north-western area of Romania was declared an emergency zone, with up to 15,000 acres of arable land under water. More than 1,000 people have been

Holbrooke seeks last-minute peace

AMERICA'S trouble-shooting diplomat, Richard Holbrooke, toured Belgrade and other Balkan capitals yesterday in what is being seen as a final warning to Serbia to stop the fighting in its troubled Kosovo province before Nato inter-

Mr Holbrooke's goal was to persuade Serbia's President Slobodan Milosevic, whom he was due to meet last night, to abide by western calls to withdraw his 40,000 to 50,000 police and troops from Kosovo, where armed Albanian separatists have seized control of large

swathes of territory. Earlier yesterday Mr Holbrooke flew into neighbouring Macedonia, which borders Kosovo and Serbia and which fears the fighting over the fron-tier will destabilise the fragile peace within its borders between the Slav minority and the Albanian minority.

Following talks with the Macedonian President Kiro Gligorov and the Kosovo Albanian leader Ibrahim Rugova, Mr Holbrooke said: "We have to prevent the events in Koso- enough blood was shed be-AP/Robert Ghement 1 vo from escalating into a gen- cause of rashness and ama-

BY MARCUS TANNER

eral war ... that goal will not be easy to achieve. We are pleased that Macedonia is not part of this problem and we strongly support its territorial integrity."

remarks reflect a growing fear that the conflict is too far gone now for a diplomatic solution. Mr Holbrooke - who was recently appointed American ambassador to the United Nations - was widely credited as the force behind the November 1995 Dayton Ohio agreement that ended Bosnia's bloody

Talk of air strikes against Serbia, which were reinforced by Nato's Secretary-General Javier Solana on Monday, has thoroughly alarmed Serbia's Balkan neighbours, whatever they think of Mr Milosevic's violent attempt to subdue an Albanian insurrection.

"I would like to tell those in comfortable capitals in the West and north who find pleasure in games of war that

teurishness in Bosnia," the Greek foreign minister, Theodoros Pangalos, said yesterday.

"We saluted Nato's preparedness to prevent the spread [of war] to Macedonia and Albania and the guarantees Mr Holbrooke's pessimistic it gave for our integrity and sovereignty," said Macedonia's foreign minister, Blagoj Handzinski.

Fear of a general Balkan conflagration has united Macedonia and Greece, which were until recently the bitterest of neighbours.

"The countries of the region represent the voice of logic," Mr Pangalos said. "We have the most to win if there is a peaceful solution and the most to lose if there is a war."

Fighting in Kosovo continued as Mr Holbrooke arrived. Serb sources in Kosovo reported yesterday that 800 Serb civilians had been evacuated from one of the few Serb enclaves in Kosovo, 30 miles west of the capital, Pristina near the town of Klina.

They said that ethnic Albanians had driven them out. burning down houses there.

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BY RUPERT CORNWELL

BRITAIN GRANTED 2,181 licences for the export of arms to "countries of concern" and refused only 24 during the Labour's first year in power a period which saw a new and supposedly tighter code of conduct for sales of British-made arms abroad.

The data, compiled by the Saferworld research group, on the basis of Department of Trade and Industry statistics, appears one month before publication by the Government of a promised first official annual report on international arms sales. So loosely defined are the DTI categories that no firm conclusions may be drawn. But the figures do not make reas-

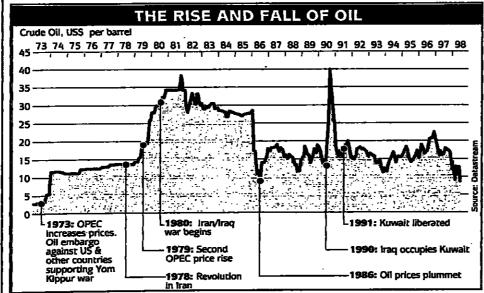
Among 35 listed countries at or near war, or with dubious human rights records, China was granted 36 licences, even though an EU arms embargo has been in force since 1989. "A flood of licences" has gone through for India and Pakistan, and several more for Eritrea, currently fighting a border war

with Ethiopia. Indonesia, Kenya, Syria and Turkey were among countries granted licences covering categories including small arms and machine guns, despite the new British guidelines banning such exports where there is a "clearly identifiable risk they could be used for internal repression". Fifteen licences were allowed for Indonesia alone between March and May 1998.

Saferworld acknowledges that the data does not prove Britain has breached its own guidelines, part of the vaunted ethical foreign policy

But, it warns, exactly that impression is created by the lack of transparency in the figures. Clear and precise information in the annual report was essential If not "public debate will be based on suspicion,

No let-up | Oil states struggle arms sales to save their spoils



MINISTERS FROM the 11member nations of the Organisation of Petroleum-Exporting Countries (OPEC) meet today in Vienna to try to avert the crisis for oil-producing countries caused by tumbling oil prices.

By setting production quotas for its members, Opec tries to manipulate the price of oil, but has found itself increasingly impotent in the oil market of late.

It is far from being the all-powerful cartel it was in the 1970s. A huge increase in production, the Asian economic collapse and the organisation's own inability to hang together has meant that member states are at each others' throats. If they cannot agree to cut production, a further slump in the price seems inevitable.

For Britain, which exports oil but is also an industrial nation, an oil price decline is not a concern. For Asia and the US, it will keep inflation low and boost industry. But it could produce social and political chaos around the world, especially in Latin America and the Middle East.

Russia's income from oil has declined by a third. Even mighty Saudi Arabia is facing between the main players as

BY ANDREW MARSHALL

in Washington

severe budgetary pressures, and has borrowed \$2bn from banks. In the good years, surging oil revenues were used to build up welfare states that are now hard to finance.

Opec made a critical error of tactics last November. To take account of existing overproduction by its members, it decided to increase quotas. The market took that as a signal and prices slid.

A warm winter, the onset of the Asian crisis and fears that Iraq would re-enter the market made things worse. Since then, prices have slid from around \$19 a barrel for benchmark Brent crude to around \$14 a barrel. Taking account of inflation and the changing value of the dollar, oil is cheaper than it was in 1973 when Opec made its first effective

thrust for market dominance. The potential saviour was found in the genteel red-brick northern suburbs of Oxford, far from the heat and dust of the Gulf fields, Robert Mabro, head of the Oxford Institute of Energy Studies, was brought in to try to broker a truce

they began to realise the depth of the crisis. Mexico, one of the key non-

Opec producers, called him in to chair three-way negotiations with Venezuela, the leading renegade within the organisation, and Saudi Arabia, which dominates world oil production. The result was the first round of concerted oil

The pact promised cuts in output of 1.2m barrels a day (mbd), but what materialised was only about 1mbd. When Opec meets again today, it will be looking for further cuts. There are 800,000bd on the table, but oil analysts believe that more will be necessary to

production cuts in more than

10 years, known as the Riyadh

convince the market. The presence of non-Opec states at the meeting - Russia Oman, Norway and Mexico along with the Riyadh Pact may be a signal that a new cartel is assembling. But Norway is set on maintaining its current levels of production. And the credibility of Opec, once an irresistible force, is at an alltime low. It will take an act of rare unity to convince world markets that Opec's once fabled strength has returned.

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Breaking the rules as the tango music tugs at the heart 16/FOREIGN NEWS

CHAMARTIN STATION is Madrid's Gare du Nord, its King's Cross, hectic and seedy. Passengers here are not bound for glamorous southern beaches but the greyer north, a remote home viliage on that cruel plain, or further afield

beyond the Pyrenees. Last Sunday, amid criss-crossing travellers scanning the noticeboards, some enthusiasts were dancing the Argentine tango. They had rigged up a sound system and, punctuated with crackly announcements of trains departing for Zaragoza or Santander, the sleazy, soupy wail of the accordion-like bandoneon floated down the con-

The surprising thing was not so much the unlikely venue. A station is actually very appropriate for a dance or, for true fanatics, a philosophy - that is all about restless journeying, longing to return, and wishing you had never gone away. And there's even a

bar on hand. What surprised me was the enthusiasm, the joy and warmth on people's faces as they clung to their partners or watched shyly from the sidelines, minding their bags. Despite the obvious Latin

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MADRID

He was Chilean. "I came to

ca are couples. I'm single so I

After a while, the couples

thinned out, people picked up

their bags and headed for

trains and taxis to take them

TWO BIG department stores

face each other across the

busy intersection near where

I live in the heart of town,

where the pavements are al-

ways crammed with surging

crowds. That's no deterrent,

rather an encouragement, for

a trumpeter who instals him-

self with this back to the road

get lots of partners."

somewhere else.

"Can you tango?" he asked doubtfully and, just to make link, the tango has aroused less passion in Spain than in Gersure, led me a few turns behind many, Britain or even Finland. the Coca-Cola vending ma-I think Spaniards are just not chine before committing himgloomy enough. Tango is about self to the full public glare of decadence and loss, nostalgia the impromptu dancefloor. for past happiness, a dance of sion and despair invented Spain a year ago because I by poor immigrants to help don't like the social situation in them forget a harsh present my country. I thought this and a hopeless future. But would be a happier place, and these couples, some old, some it is." And how did he find the young, were having a whale of tango scene in Madrid? "Fana time executing those comtastic. Most tango dancers plicated steps and swivels. who come from South Ameri-

One guy had it to perfection. Thick black hair slicked with gomino", patent leather shoes, and an expression of grave concentration. Tango etiquette is clear: a woman must never invite a man to dance, and a man will never ask a woman until he's seen her dance. The usual way round this catch-22 is to enlist the help of a male acquaintance to "voreor" - a coarse gaucho word for trotting out a

horse before potential buyers. So I was breaking two taboos when I touched this man on the sleeve as he leaned against the station cafe with a cigarette between his fingers.

by belting out stirring paso dobles. His female sidekick commandeers the other side of the pavement and weaves obstructively amid the human tide until money is extracted.

The trumpeter had an impressive keyboard and amplifier system banked up around him, and closer inspection revealed this to be the source not only of the thumping electronic rhythm accompaniment, but the brassy trumpet melody as well. We were being asked to donate to a tape.

MADRID'S TUBE trains draw two main sorts of musicians: psies with tattered accordions and their chant of being unemployed with five children - a plainsong often more tuneful than the ragged jig that fol-

Then there are youngsters from those Andean countries that produce panpipes and brightly woven shoulder bags. A cheerful greeting, a burst of "El Condor Pasa" or similar, a trot around with shoulder bag extended, then they bundle out at the next stop. People usually give 25 pesetas, about



Two women dance a tango in Estacion Chamartin in Madrid

bluesman lurches aboard. No spiel, just haunting guitar and

The other day he played the Eagles' lament "Hotel Cali-

break. His eyes half-closed, his face grey and impassive, he faltered down the carriage like a forgotten Yardbird, the only one from that triumphal Sixties season at Richmond Station

Hotel never to star in a mightier band.

He dipped his guitar before each passenger, and I was not the only one to trickle a torrent of lentil-like small change into

a cigarette packet stuck behind the neck. He tweaked a schoolgirl memory and a pang of nostalgia that any tango fan would

ELIZABETH NASH

Yeltsin risks

President Boris Yeltsin at the opening of a session of his Cabinet yesterday. At left is Prime Minister Sergei Kiriyenko, and at right is Gennady Seleznyov, speaker of the parliament's lower chamber. Yeltsin has warned of an impending financial crisis Scientology SWIFTCALL anger over

Three jailed for National Front killing

By JOHN LICHFIELD

THREE NATIONAL Front supporters have been jailed for the murder of a black teenager while putting up election posters in Marseilles in 1995. This is the first time that any accredited National Front activist has been convicted of a racially motivated crime.

The trio claimed that they had been pelted with stones by a gang of up to 20 black teenagers while they were sticking up posters in the immigrant-dominated northern suburbs of Marseilles. However, no stones were found nearby and the group of teenagers, 10 at most, were carrying only musical instruments.

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The dead youth, Ibrahim Ali, aged 17, was shot in the back with a "dum-dum" bullet - the kind of bullet which explodes on impact and which is outlawed by the Geneva Convention.

Evidence presented to the trial in Aix-en-Provence suggested that the murder was racially motivated but not preneditated. The three National Front supporters, armed to the teeth for a foray into what they regarded as enemy territory, panicked when they saw the group of black youths

approaching. The chief prosecutor said that the real blame for the night's events should fall on the



Victim: Ibrahim Ali

National Front itself, and on its "paranoid" ideology" which presented all black people as dangerous and the only true French people as "white and blonde'

The de facto deputy leader of the National Front, Bruno Mégret made an utterly unapologetic appearance before the court. He spoke briefly of his "compassion" for the victim's family before going on to describe the accused trio as three Frenchmen who deserve respect and who devoted parts of their lives for the good of others, for the love of their country and the defence

of their people". The man who fired the fatal bullet, Robert Lagier, 66, was sentenced to 15 years in jail. His companions, Mario d'Abrosio and Pierre Giglio, were sentenced to 10 years and 12 months respectively.

WITH THE International Monetary Fund cracking the whip over his hefty shoulders, Boris Yeltsin declared yesterday that Russia's financial turmoil had reached "alarming proportions" and was causing "extreme social tension". His remarks are his bleakest

sessment to date of a fiscal crisis which has seen investors fleeing Russia in droves, halving the value of stocks, and driving up the cost of ment borrowing to astronomi-

Yesterday Mr Yeltsin and his Prime Minister, Sergei Kiriyenko, sought to convince the IMF that Russia is deserving of more help – namely, a \$10-15bn stand-by fund to support the rouble - by unveiling a package of austerity measures designed to avert cata-

Mr Yeltsin also appealed to his many foes in pariiament for their support, underlining his words with dire warnings about the consequences of squabbling with the Kremlin.

He appeared to hint that if the Communist-dominated State Duma - with whom he regularly battles – fails to pass his fiscal proposals, then he would introduce his measures by presidential decree. Speak-

book ruling

LEADERS OF the Church of Scientology and US officials yesterday criticised a Swedish court ruling which

will allow the public access to the church's holiest book.

The US-based church

argues that the book is

reserved for key members of

the religion and should be

It says international copy-

right laws should stop the un-

published material from

falling into the public do-

But after the court ruling

last week, Swedes are now

free to go to places where the

document is kept, such as the

Swedish parliament, and read

However, the church plans

to fight the decision. It has

launched a campaign that in-

volves its members borrowing

the book constantly, thus

for anyone else to see it.

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By ABIGAIL SCHMELZ

BY PHIL REEVES in Moscow

turmoil with

crisis budget

ing at a rare joint meeting of government and parliamentarians, the president said the crisis is "so acute that there are social and political dangers". Some proof of this came

vesterday with further protests in the Far East by miners, who have been staging protests over unpaid wages and job losses. While some of the causes for Russia's problems were not of its own making, many were, said the president. "A great deal of the fault lies

with us. We have lost momentum in reforming the economy. The situation with payment of ges, pensions and welfare has deteriorated again." However, the Kremlin's

crisis plan - which was spelt out by Mr Kiriyenko – had a familiar ring and will be greeted with cynicism by many Russians. It includes a simpler tax

code and a crackdown on Russia's army of tax dodgers. There would be budget cuts, lower interest rates - now at 60 per cent - less government borrowing, and new regional

sales taxes The state would raise money by taking control of alcohol production and running lotter-

ies. As he outlined his strategy. the prime minister painted a grim picture of a government engaged in a desperate weekly juggling act - issuing debt to raise funds to pay debt. In the next six months alone, Russia must roll over a breath-taking 189bn roubles - \$30bn - to redeem short term high-interest

treasury bills. Russia wants the IMF's billions as a "stand-by facility", whose mere presence will reonfidence in the rouble. Above all else, it has been battling to defend the currency, mindful that its coilapse would aimost certainly bring a return to runaway inflation, destroying one of the few achievements of the transition from Soviet central planning to a market economy.

Although an IMF team has been wrangling with the Russians over its austerity measures - it has, for instance, been demanding greater efforts to increase its dismal tax revenues - the fund seems set to agree to offer more support in the end.

But its officials will certainly need some more convincing evidence that Messers Yeltsin and Kiriyenko can translate yesterday's grand words into

German set fire to refugee hostel 'to save village idyll'

THE EAST German florist who conspired to burn down an asylum-seekers' home in his neigh bourhood confessed to the crime yesterday, but sought to justify his actions by invoking widespread public concern in

his village. On trial for hiring a neo-Nazi arsonist six years ago, Stefan Oste admitted that he had planned the attack in order to prevent foreigners moving into the building next to his own, in the village of Dolgenbrodt, 30

miles south of Berlin. Apart from Oste, 47, four other locals are in the dock, though prosecutors charge that most of Dolgenbrodt's then residents had known about the

making it virtually impossible Tarja Vulto, a church The blaze, two days before spokeswoman, said only 300 the asylum-seekers were due to to 350 of the religion's 8 milarrive, was masked as just anlion members had rightful other of numerous, similar neo-

BY IMRE KARACS in Bonn

Nazi attacks in those days. But the case, reminiscent in its cailousness to the pogroms in Nazi times, has provoked outage across the whole country and beyond.

"I would like to express my deepest apologies for the damage I caused to Germany inside and outside the country," Oste declared at his trial in Frankfurt an der Oder yesterday.

He recalled how he had collected money and paid off the neo-Nazi with the help of an electrician friend who is also on trial. The conspirators even supplied the molotov cocktails, with the help of a local heating

In his defence, Oste recalled he had been "under pressure" to act, after petitions and po-

litical pressure had failed to thwart official plans to convert a children's holiday home into a refugee hostel.

People in the village were afraid that the newcomers would bring crime into their idyllic, lakeside community, Oste said. They also feared clashes between left- and rightwing extremists. The destruction of the empty building, he added, had not been motivated

This is the third attempt to bring the masterminds of the Dolgenbrodt attack to book. On two previous occasions the residents pleaded not guilty, but this time one of the two skinheads responsible for the blaze has turned State's evidence, despite the fact that he received more than 10,000 German marks (£3,330) for his

access to the book. SUZANNE MOORE

'Conflict rather than separation itself is bad for children. Parental death does not carry the same risks for children as divorce'

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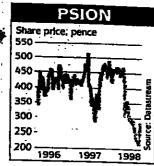
Nissan to sell truck makers

NISSAN MOTOR, Japan's second-largest car maker, could sell its truckmaking division to German rival Daimler-Benz in an attempt to trim its large debt.

The company said yesterday that it was planning to reach agreement with Daimier-Benz as early as July on areas of cooperation that could include the sale of Nissan Diesel Motor Co, Japan's fourth-largest truckmaker.

Nissan holds an industry-high Y2.5 trillion in interest-bearing debt and plans to trim Y1 trillion in debt by March

Psion unveils joint venture



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PSION, THE personal organiser manufacturer, is today expected to unveil a joint venture which involves the licensing of its operating system. The group esterday announced that it was in "advanced discussions" about the creation of a joint venture in the field of Wireless Information Services. However, it refused to

elaborate on the statement, which it was forced to make after its share price had risen rapidly. Psion has already signed up two unnamed licensees for its operating software, which is known as EPOC32. The group's shares, which have fallen sharply in recent months, were unchanged at 281p.

GWR and allies set to go digital GWR GROUP and its allies Talk Radio and cable company

NTL looked set to launch the UK's first national commercial digital radio stations next year after their group emerged yesterday as the sole bidder for the radio licence.

The GWR-led Digital One consortium had been widely expected to be the only bidder for the 12-year licence as potential rivals have opted instead to target regional and local permits. Those offerings will include GWR's Classic FM station, as well as Talk Radio and Virgin Radio, plus seven new channels ranging from a plays, books and comedy offering to an all-night club dance station.

Britain's Radio Authority plans to award the permit in September. The Digital One partners said they have invested a total of about £10m in the consortium, which will launch its services officially in October 1999.

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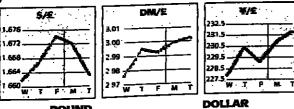
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Rates for indication purposes only Source Thomas Cook

Orange slashes call costs and adds new offers

another salvo in the increasingly hostile mobile phone price war by slashing the cost of its off-peak calls and launching a range of other offers to

attract new users. From next month, Orange users will pay just 5p a minute for off-peak calls, a cut of up to

two-thirds on current rates.

ORANGE YESTERDAY fired BY PETER THAL LARSEN

The operator also laid down a major challenge to its rivals with a John Lewis-style guarantee promising to match any tariff which is available on a rival network.

The move is an aggressive response to recent price cuts introduced by Vodafone and

Cellnet, the UK's two largest base to the end of May had

Hans Snook, Orange's chief executive, said the initiative was designed to clear up the confusion among consumers about call rates. The message

is simple: don't worry," he said. Orange shares soared by almost 10 per cent as the company said that its customer

grown by a net 20 per cent on the previous year. The shares hit a new high of 605p, up 54p.

However, analysts said they found the market's enthusiasm hard to justify. They pointed out that although the price cuts would stimulate usage, Orange's revenues per user were still likely to fall. "They're

taking a bet that they will attract more new customers," said one analyst.

Later this year, Orange plans to launch a new service which will compete with fixed telecom lines. Known as Daily Talk, the service will offer subscribers 20 minutes of off-peak calls per day for just 50p. Meanwhile, the company plans to introduce mobile video phones within the next 18 months.

Mr Spook said he expected obile phone penetration to rise to 50 per cent of the population by the 2004 from 16 per cent today. He added that, within the next 10 years, 90 per cent of mainstream communications would take place on a wireless network.



Neville Isdell, chairman and chief executive of Coca-Cola Beverages, and Craig Owens (facing camera) finance director. The company is heading for the London stock market with a price tag of up to £1.7bn on 13 July. Demerged from Australia-based Coca-Cola Armatil, the company produced pro-forma pre-tax profits of £5.8m last year, compared with

BNFL to buy US nuclear reprocessor in \$1bn deal

BRITISH NUCLEAR Fuels is By Andrew Marshall buying a major part of CBS AND TERRY MACALISTER. Westinghouse for around \$1bn. making the UK state-owned group the biggest nuclear reprocessor in the world.

The move, which will be announced in London this morning, is being seen as a possible precursor to privatisation under a New Labour government which has overcome inistate assets. BNFL has beaten off strong

competition to win control of the muclear side of the US company CBS Westinghouse for a price believed to be around \$260m. But the British company will also take on a part of the Westinghouse liabilities, making the deal worth \$1bn in total.

It will make BNFL one of the largest British employers in America. It has built up a sig-

terday in Galen Holdings after

the Northern Ireland-based

company unveiled ambitious

proposals to triple its size

through a reverse takeover of

the privately-owned Ferring

The move underlines the

growing ambitions of Galen's

founder, Dr Allen McClay, a

former Glaxo salesman who established the Craigavon com-

pany in 1968 and still owns a 30

It also reflects pressures in-

side the pharmaceutical sector

Pharmaceuticals.

per cent stake.

with sales contracts worth \$2bn.

A spokeswoman for BNFL in London refused to comment on the Westinghouse deal, saying: "We never comment on speculation." As to whether such a move would lead towards privatisation, the spokeswoman tial shyness about the sale of added: "BNFL is owned by government so it would be up to them to comment on such

issues.` The nuclear and government services divisions of Westinghouse are the last parts of the company to be spun off by by CBS, which will now focus its efforts on media.

BNFL was bidding with Morrison Knudsen, an Idahobased US engineering company, against other consortia nificant subsidiary in the US including Bechtel, the US pany now holds contracts worth for 400 plants around the world.

By TERRY MACALISTER

Beecham tie-up.

merger and acquisition activity

topped by the recently failed

Glaxo Welcome/SmithKline

Ferring merger would bring

considerable synergies but

stressed it was driven by

prospects for growth, not cost-

John King, chief executive of Galen, said: "This will bring

Galen a strong marketing net-

work in Europe. But there will

Galen management said the

group, and Framatome, the \$2bn, mainly to clean up and French nuclear giant. Though there are no regu-

latory implications in the US beyond the normal requirements of antitrust law it will imply renewing agreements with the US Department of Defense and the Department of Energy, Westinghouse's largest customers, as well as other commercial nuclear operators. BNFL will, by taking on

Westinghouse, become a key supplier to the US government. Westinghouse manages facilities for tritium production for the US weapons programmes, and handles spent nuclear fuel and dismantled nuclear weapons from the US navy.

BNFL has built up a signifit established its own operating subsidiary, BNFL Inc., in 1990. The Washington-based com-

be equal opportunities in re-

pended at 437.5p yesterday, up

from last year's flotation price

of 150p. The two companies said

they hoped to conclude merger

arrangements by the end of the

Some shares in the proposed

new venture will inevitably find

themselves coming on to the

market to ensure 25 per cent of

the combined ownership is in

privately owned by the Poulsen

Ferring, Paris-based but

public hands.

Galen shares were sus-

verse for Ferring."

manage old nuclear weapons sites, like the one at Savannah River in South Carolina BNFI's US success, built on

expertise established in the UK, has helped swell the group's turnover in 1997 to £116m on sales of £1.2bn.

Globalising BNFL and making it a key player in the US market, the transaction raises big questions about its continued ownership by the British government, corporate sources in America say. It may lead to changes in the structure of owntask," it concludes.

ership, if not all-out privatisation. Westinghouse Electric Company has 24,000 employees around the world, a substantial increase in BNFL's already imicant business in the US since portant overseas activities. It supplies new plant design, services, fuel and instrumentation and control technologies No further policy tightening

capitalisation is around £1bn.

staff but has shown prodigious

growth since it was established

in late 1968. It is poised to un-

veil interim profits of around

but it has a range of treat-

ments for gastro-intestinal and

Its best selling product is the

£7.3m tomorrow.

Galen plans deal to triple its size

stay high for some time. Written before last month's interest rate rise and the announcement of faster government family in Holland, is by far the spending growth in the next larger of the two companies three years, it predicts that with manufacturing plants in growth will drop sharply to below 2 per cent this year and Scandinavia and Germany and 1,700 employees. Its estimated

Galen employs barely 700 pain-killing analgesic, Kapake weaker exports.

Yesterday's official figures

Foreign holidays trade in

SPENDING ON foreign holidays helped send Britain's balance of **Economics Editor** payments diving into the red by £3.2bn in the first three months of this year. It was the first quarterly deficit for 18 months and the biggest for five years.

Britons' appetite for holidays and business travel reflected both the strength of the pound and the general buoyancy of consumer spending. With spending on overseas trips up more than £300m at £4.8bn during January to March, it took the UK's travel deficit to a record £1.7bn and accounted for much of a big fall in the traditional balance of payments surplus on services.

At the same time the Office for National Statistics revised up its estimate for growth in the first quarter, adding to the weight of recent evidence analysts fear will trigger another interest rate rise.

The unwelcome figures came as an influential report varned that the British economy is in for a bumpy ride, with David Mackie at JP Morgan tougher policies running the risk of triggering a recession at the same time that inflation is heading higher.

The Bank of England faces a 'challenging' outlook, according to the annual health check on the UK from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. "Ensuring a smooth landing will be a difficult

The OECD notes there has been a considerable tightening already in tax and spending and interest rate policy. Gordon Brown's budgets amount to the toughest fiscal tightening of any OECD country, and monetary policy conditions are also tighter than elsewhere.

is necessary, it concludes, but it warns that rates will have to

However, it adds: "Currently it is very difficult to judge the strength of underlying inflationary pressures and how quickly the economy will eventually slow." It predicts a pickup in inflation alongside the slowdown in growth due to

confirmed that the strong pound is harming exports. these measures, it warns.

Much of the balance of payments shortfall, the first deficit since mid-1996, was due to the lumping of payments to the EU in the first quarter. The net transfer to the EU was £1.5bn, compared with a zero transfer in the final quarter of last year.

But even accounting for this distortion, the deficit on trade in goods widened, from £4.2bn at the end of 1996 to £4.7bn, mainly because of a sharp drop

The surpluses on trade in services and investment income declined markedly during the quarter. Investment income from overseas dived by £700m. most likely due to the Asian

"The trade figures were better than expected last year. But the strong pound is pulling them down like a brick on elastic; they have now shot forward and but us in the eve." said

Despite this drag on growth from a weaker export performance, the ONS revised up a fraction the figures for first quarter growth. GDP was 3.0 per cent higher than a year earlier; up from the earlier figure of 2.9 per cent. Growth during the first quarter, excluding volatile oil production, was revised from 0.5 per cent to 0.6 per cent.

We have had plenty of data that will worry the Monetary Policy Committee," said Marian Bell of Royal Bank of Scotland.

DeAnne Julius, the Bank of England expert who voted for a rate cut in May, yesterday repeated her view that recent figures did not point to the need for higher rates. But most City analysts,

taken by surprise by the Bank's decision to increase the cost of borrowing earlier this month, now expect another rate rise next month. Recent figures for earnings, retail prices and retail sales

have all added to the fear that the Bank will feel forced to move because of inflationary pressures, even though the economy is now slowing. The OECD report warns

that a slowdown will have knock-on consequences. Rising unemployment could lead to a "ballooning" cost for the Government's welfare-to-work programme. Ensuring a smooth landing

is crucial to the success of

AROUND THE WORLD'S MARKETS

LONDON

LEADING SHARES enjoyed some sharp gains; Footsie ended near its day's high with a 59.6 points gain to 5,772. But it was a market of two halves as many second and thirdline shares continued their ragged retreat from their recent peaks.

Telephone shares led the bluechip charge; BT, in busy trading, surged 37p to 741p (after 755p) as rumours continued to circulate that an alliance, perhaps even a fullscale merger, was being lined up with the American AT&T group.

NEW YORK

THE US stock market rose yesterday, with technology and energy shares leading the way.

Microsoft was among the biggest gainers, following the computer giant's victory in a court case over the sale of its Internet browser.

At midday, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 1 per cent, or 86.19 points. to 8,797.32. Computer stocks were generally higher on the back of market

hopes that the sector has finally

bottomed out.

TOKYO

THE JAPANESE stock market fell yesterday, hit by a wave of scenticism over the Tokyo government's promises of a plan to kick-start the country's ailing economy.

The Nikkei 225 index fell 254.49 points, or 1.66 per cent, to 15.054.60. The broader Topix index was down 1 per cent to 1175.42. Construction and real estate

companies led the fall on the back of concerns over flagging domestic

FRANCE

FRENCH STOCKS, led by chip maker ST Microelectronics and food retailer Promodes, firmed as investors focused on companies set to benefit from Europe's

economic recovery.

The benchmark CAC 40 index rose 46.40 points, or 1.2 per cent, to 4,065.04, partly erasing its 1.8 per cent fall over three sessions. Promodes, France's secondbiggest food retailer, rose Ffr144 (4.6 per cent) to a record

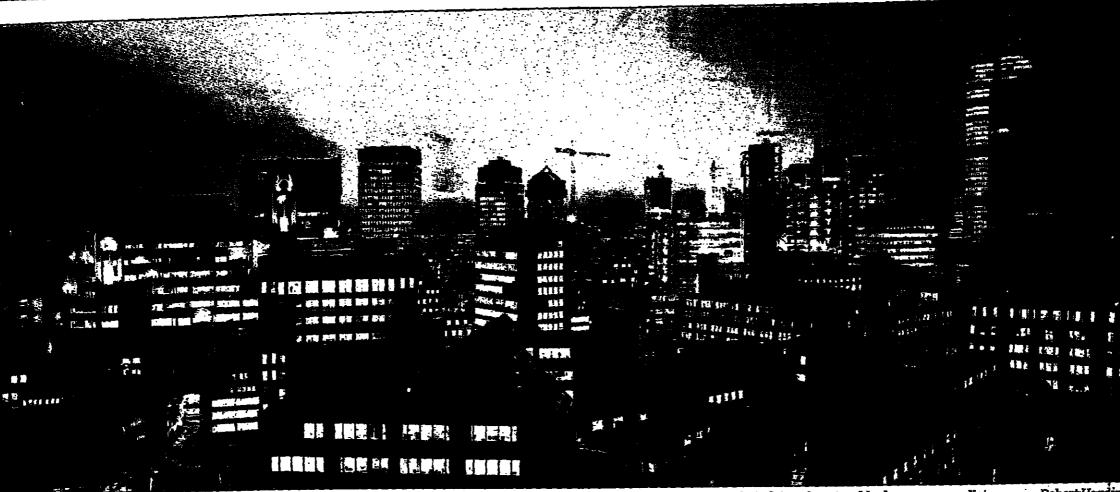
RUSSIA

RUSSIAN STOCKS closed little changed as dealers remained on the sidelines amid worry that the government's economic stimulus package will not be enough to win a \$15bn bailout package from the International Monetary Fund. The benchmark Russian Trading System index rose to 172.61 from 172.37.

The government package, presented to parliament yesterday by President Boris Yeltsin, includes spending cuts and a pledge to in-

Ffr3,275 ahead of tomorrow's consumer spending figures.

crease tax revenue.



The City puts £20bn into the UK economy each year, and rival European markets want to exploit the post-EMU action. But the City's future is not as bleak as some predict

Don't write off the City just yet

By LEA PATERSON

News Analysis: London can fend off attacks on its financial leadership

LONDON'S STOCK Exchange puts around £20bn each year under pressure, London's futures and options exchange losing market share, the UK sitting out the first wave of EMU - are the days of the City of London numbered? If all the recent rhetoric in the press is to be believed,

dealers in the City might as well pack up and go home. First of all, we had apocalyptic predictions of the job losses that EMU would cause. Then there was the fuss about Liffe - London's futures and options exchange - which first managed to lose the bulk of trade in the German government bond future to the Frankfurt-based Deutsche Terminbörse (DTB). and is now, for the first time, facing competition for UK gilt future trade. Most recently, London's Stock Exchange was Last week Matif, the French

exchange, said it was talking to the Deutsche Börse. It is undoubtedly the case fray soon. Given Liffe's specthat, if the City were to lose its tacular failure to hold on to its place as Europe's leading financial centre, there would be City were gloomy about its wide-ranging implications for the rest of the UK economy. way battle for the gilt future. According to the Corporation of Others, though, were less hasty London: "The City of London to write off Liffe's chances.

into the UK economy. If the City were to fail - or even momentarily stall - the whole country would be affected." A report published last week by the Centre for Economics and Business Research predicted that 116,000 European jobs could go if the City of London were to falter.

But is the City's future as bleak as some of the pundits like to make out?

Take Liffe first. Liffe has managed to lose the bulk of the trade in the bund - the German government bond future - to the DTB, through a combination of managerial errors, a reluctance to adopt electronic trading, aggressive marketing by the DTB and political pressure from the Bundesbank.

put in the spotlight when Nasfutures exchange, announced plans to challenge Liffe's modag, the US's number two nopoly in the gilts future. The DTB is also expected to join the bund market share, some in the chances of success in a three-

Ed Condon, head of European listed derivatives at Credit Suisse First Boston, is among the optimists. He said: "Liffe has a 100 per cent share of the gilt. The other exchanges will need to do something completely different to persuade

people to switch."

Matif and the DTB are hoping that their electronic trading system will make the difference. Liffe's new electronic system is not due to come on line until early next year. But Mr Condon believes that national factors are likely to come into play. He said: "In the case of the bund. the Bundesbank brought pressure to bear on the German two "had agreed to set up a

Futures and options, no of contracts traded, million

Jan-Aug 1997

banks. The Bank of England will not be sympathetic to losing the gilt contract to Frankfurt, and could bring its influence to bear."

Liffe, unsurprisingly, is tight-lipped about its relationship with the Bank of England. One City source chuckled: "Liffe is incredibly sensitive about its relationship with the Bank. You'll never get them talking publicly about it.

Liffe is not the only City institution facing competitive pressure from abroad. On Monday evening, Nasdaq and the Deutsche Börse admitted they were in talks. Nasdaq said the

4.000

3,000

working group to explore com-mon transatiantic business opportunities, it's part of the strategy of the Deutsche Börse and Nasdaq to develop co-operation and alliances with important stock exchanges". Some were quick to construe this as a competitive assault on the London Stock Exchange (LSE). Others in the City, though, believe the position of the LSE is relatively safe, for the time being at least.

One City source, who declined to be named. explained that the position of the Stock Exchange was quite different to that of Liffe. In the case of Liffe, she said, rival

Equity trading, USS billions 1996

decide to, say, launch a gilt contract, and then persuade the traders to use their dealing system rather than Liffe's. The source said: "In practice, for Nasdaq and the Deutsche Borse to win substantial market share from the Stock Exchange, they would have to persuade UK-based companies they would do better listing on a foreign stock exchange rather than in London. I think national factors are just too strong." Many traders believe that

exchanges can unilaterally

the most likely casualty of a Nasdag/Deutsche Börse link would be Easdaq, the European version of Nasdaq, which focuses on European growth stocks. One said: "To be frank, Easdao hasn't been as successful as we'd all hooed. If Nasdag and Deutsche Borse join forces, or perhaps launch a pan-European product, it's Easdaq which has the most to

exchanges are struggling to the future is not quite as bleak cope with intense competitive as some like to believe.

pressures. Nasdaq is locked in a fierce battle for market share with the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). Deutsche Börse has other regional exchanges to contend with. All exchanges are having to come to terms with both the impact of technological change as well as the disappearance of most of the major European currencies after EMU.

One source close to the London exchanges said: "I can see a post-EMU world where exchanges specialise. You may have a series of national exchanges catering almost exclusively for national companies. You then could have one, or may be two, pan-Euro pean or global exchanges catering for large multinationals."

Others City figures have talked about the possibility of increased between Liffe and the LSE saying that once Liffe is fully electronic there will be greater synergies between the two

Others in the City say it is perhaps more importantly, the over-simplistic to view recent unrelenting pace of technologmarket developments as a ical change, means that the City. European assault on the City of will never be the same again London, and point out that all But it is equally true to say that

IN BRIEF

Kingfisher buys French outlet

KINGFISHER, the retail group which owns BAQ and Woolworths, yesterday took control of French furniture and electrical retailer BUT by buying an additional 36 per cent from the founding Venturini family for £103m. It now controls 61 per cent.

Gene purchase

CAMBRIDGE Antibody Technology, the gene screening group, yesterday bought Aptein Inc, a US technology company, for up to £11m in shares.

Green fund

NPI ASSET Management yesterday launched the Global Care Asia Pacific Fund, the first fund to invest only in South-east Asian companies which meet strict environmental and social criteria.

Payment times

BARBARA ROCHE, the minister for small firms, announced that Companie House would be contacting companies that are not disclosing in their accounts the average time they take to pay suppliers. The move follows research by Dun & Bradstreet showing that more than half the UK's top firms may be breaking the law by not complying with government regulations.

Less of leisure

FIRST LEISURE shares plunged 35.5p to 379.5p yesterday after the leisure group warned that consumer demand had fallen in the first few weeks of its second half. In the first half, pre-tax profits before asset sales grew 10 per cent to £18.3m on sales of £114.8m, up 29 per cent.

Game sales up

SALES AT video game seller Electronics Boutique rose an annualised 31 per cent in the first 20 weeks of the year, with like-for-like sales up 11 per cent

Research stake

FIMALAC Communication part of French group Centenaire Blanzy, vesterday out its 10 per cent stake in market research group Taylor Nelson Sofres up for sale. The stake is worth £47.5m.

Hartstone sells

HARTSTONE, the leather goods and hosiery maker, vesterday sold its Spanish hosiery division Marie Claire to venture capital

group Dinamia for £25,2m. Salomon grows

SALOMON SMITH Barney, the US investment bank. yesterday bought the Australian funds management operations of

rival J.P. Morgan. Japan debt risk

FITCH IBCA, the credit rating agency, said that the downturn in the Japanese economy and the weakening of the yen could put the country's sovereign AAA debt rating at risk

Selfridges down ahead of flotation Carpetright sales collapse

SEARS, THE struggling retail group, is pressing ahead with its plans to demerge its Selfridges department store division, despite figures yesterday which showed a decline in current trading. Selfridges management admitted that the demerger was taking place at time of "maximum disruption" in the flagship store, which is still undergoing extensive

"There is no doubt that the timing is not perfect," said Vittorio Radice, Selfridges' chief executive. "But we are not raising any new money in the demerger and it is our major Radice said.

for it." Selfridges figures showed that in the first 19 weeks of the year its sales were down by 4 per cent on the same period last year. It blamed high discounting in the end-of-season sales and the refurbishment of the store. Other factors include the strong pound and the Asian crisis which has affected tourist spending. "The Americans are still coming in, but Asian busi-

year to January showed a trading profit of £21m on sales of £293.6m. The company said trading at its Oxford Street affected by refurbishment work

until January 1999. His comments accompanied poor figures from Sears, which said it will continue with plans to demerge is Freemans mail order business. Freemans reported a slowdown in sales growth to 12 per cent in the first 19 weeks due to the strength of sterling and higher discounting. At Sears' clothing stores, which include Wallis and Miss Selfyear though margins were

The demerger of Selfridges will be put to shareholders at its flagship would continue to be annual meeting on 17 July, with Selfridges shares expected to start trading on 20 July. Before the demerger there will be a 1-

Tony Shiret, retail analyst at Credit Suisse First Boston, said Selfridges would be valued at around £400m on demerger, worth around 25p per share (or 250p following the consolidation). The rump of Sears would be worth 30-35p. Sears shares closed 4.75p lower at 56.75p.

MICHAEL GRADE, the cigar-chomping former Channel 4

boss who now chairs First

Leisure, was slightly de-

pressed yesterday, and not just

because of his company's in-

different results: "Glen Hoddle

picked the wrong team in the

first place," was Mr Grade's

verdict on England's irritat-

ingly familiar 2-1 cock-up

sour grapes on Mr Grade's part because the World Cup has

been luring punters away from

his nightclubs, such as the

Perhaps Mr Hoddle can

make amends when he returns

home, by buying the Black-

pool Tower, which First

Leisure recently put on the

THEN AGAIN, perhaps City so-

licitors Paisner & Co are to

blame for England's defeat.

The firm held a mini world cup

of their own last Friday. The

two finalists in the Paisner & Co

Tournament, held in the shad-

ow of Tower Bridge, were the

Brockbank group, representing

Bermuda, and Equitas, repre-

The firm issued a press re-

lease this week detailing the re-

senting England

Or there again, it could be

against the Romanians.

Branigan's music bars.

CARPETRIGHT Britain's largest carpet retailer, signalled further problems in the durable goods market yesterday when it reported lower-than-expected profits and warned of a difficult

Lord Harris, Carpetright's Christmas, he said, with the market down by more than 20

per cent.

MFI, DFS and Courts all see-Analysts blamed the weak market on rising interest rates

deterring consumers from buylonger-term credit, they said.

wood market is rising and we are going into it in a small way,

as weaker sales, which were flat on a same-store basis over the year. The company has now scaled back its expansion plans and is aiming for a total of 350 stores instead of the previously

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ness has definitely been hit." Mr

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chairman, said the carpet maring higher-ticket items. Job in-£29m iast year. ket was "the worst I've seen in for-10 share consolidation. security, particularly in the The company was hit by a my 40 years in the industry". North, is also putting people off steep rise in its cost base as well Carpet sales collapsed after committing themselves to

year abead.

Carpetright shares fell 13 per cent to 274.5p, their lowest level for four years. The poor figures dragged down shares in other

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Business

By John

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sults, which concluded: "Whilst

there is of course no prospect

of Bermuda winning the World

Cup in France, the tourna-

ment may though be a good

omen for England, like Equitas,

fate. Perhaps there was a more

reliable omen thrown up by the

insurance cup. Though Equitas

(England) reached the final, it

still lost to Brockbank (Ber-

THE TOP brass of Coca-Cola

Beverages was in London yes-

terday to announce details of its

forthcoming flotation. The

Agargh. Talk about tempting

reaching the final."

durable goods retailers, with

ing sharp falls.

Others said Carpetright may be a victim of changing fashions in floor coverings as increasing numbers prefer stripped wood floors to carpets. But this was dismissed by Lord Harris. "I Investment column, page 21

no favours, however, by men-

tioning they had sponsored a

stadium in Bucharest to help

Romanian fans watch and cel-

ebrate their national team's vic-

Serves them right that they

had to drink Coke rather than

anything stronger. (This is

GRAHAM HADLEY has just re-

turned to the City after four

years in Russia helping the post-Communist authorities to

set up a Russian stock

Mr Hadley, a stockbroker

now in his early fifties, went out

to Moscow under the auspices

of the Overseas Development

Administration, a British or-

ganisation which sponsors the

UK Know How Fund. This fund

sends in expertise to individual

prompted by the warm rela-

tionship between Margaret

Thatcher and Mikbail

Graham tells me he soon

found himself working in Perm,

an industrial city 700 miles

east of Moscow with a 1.2 mil-

lion population. Perm pro-

situations worldwide.

Gorbachev.

known as "sour grapes").

tory over England.

exchange.

but it is still a tiny proportion of the whole market." He was speaking as Carpetright reported a fall in full year

pre-tax profits from £32m to

planned 450.

Another poor result for Grade management did themselves the Cold War, and as such was

> thusiastic about the long-term prospects for the Russian market - and for the sheer history of the place.

> He says: "It's amazing in the rural areas, just like going back 50-60 years. You expect Rasputin to leap out and hit you on the nose. "The Kremlin stretches for

> over 70 acres and contains three separate Orthodox cathedrais - and the stockbroking is really going places.

> "The US makes a big deal out of having five time zones. Russia has 11," he says,

Under Boris Yeltsin, the privatisation process has produced 50,000 companies "overnight", so the potential for brokers is sky-high.

"The Moscow stock market The Russian initiative was has adopted a quasi-Nasdaq system, with companies worth about £40bn so far. For those investors who like volatility, Moscow is the place to be."

Before going to Russia, Graham worked for many brokers in the City, which he joined in 1971 straight from Edinburgh University. He had stints duced ballistic missiles during in the old Wood Mackenzie,

Laing & Cruickshank and a "closed city" until 1991, he Savory Milne, for instance. Graham is now about to

Graham is extremely en- join the research arm of European Stockbrokers, which is itself the broking arm of Cheviot Capital, a small British independent investment

As for the Russian market, Graham admits it is not for widows and orphans. "It will never be dull," he says. "The infrastructure is not really in place yet. In October

1917 someone turned the lights out - it's only just getting back there, but they're very keen to catch up," he says. So what would it be like for a young City professional to go out there, I ask? He advises:

"Be very cautious - there are many pitfalls. You'd have to rely on your instincts." He concludes with a sombre warning "It's shattering how the Americans have come to dominate Moscow - every

restaurant has its menu in dollars. There are a lot of German and American products. "In the UK we've been slow ... and reticent to get involved which I think is a mistake, I

think over the next 10 years Russia will prove a great inA VOENT

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Sell-off is the way forward for BNFL

FEW PEOPLE thought it possible to privatise British Energy when the idea of selling off the country's nuclear generating capacity was first floated, and yet it was done and the company has proved a fabulous investment. So, in theory, there's no reason the Government shouldn't do the same with British Nuclear Fuels (BNFL), which produces and reprocesses the raw material for mu-

Certainly that was the idea under the previous administration. Despite their new found acceptance of many of the central theologies of the Thatcher years, quite a few of the new lot still have a bit a problem with the idea of privatisation, particularly when it comes to the sort of business BNFL is in.

This is silly. What BNFL does is highly sensitive and there's no doubt that it is a dirty business many ethical investors won't want to touch. Today's acquisition of Westinghouse's nuclear reprocessing plants and related businesses in the US, nonetheless demonstrates both that it is possible to have private ownership of such assets and that this has become a truly global business perhaps best managed by a global



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There is every reason why BNFL should be doing this deal for a start, it gains access to a US customer base to add to its existing UK and Japanese ones - but there is no reason why the British taxpayer should be helping to fund such an expansion. As a state owned industry, BNFL forms part of the public finances and this purchase will presumably therefore have some, if only a minor, impact

Politically the Labour Government might still find it difficult to sell the idea of a stock-market flotation of BNFL to its back benchers. The idea of selling off the Post Office is already causing a humdinger of a Radio Authority for the licence for

row between the Chancellor and the Prime Minister. But full privatisation must be the end game, even if it takes a few years yet to arrive.

One runner in digital radio race

COMMERCIAL RADIO has always been the poor relation of commercial TV and no more so than in the race to turn digital. Not only are the numbers much smaller than with digital TV, but there's a real fear that digital radio isn't a commercial proposition at all.

Part of the reason for this is the very high cost of digital receivers, which at present can be as much as £1,000 per set. While this might be passed off as a hidden extra in the cost of top of the line luxury cars, few ordinary radio purchasers are going to think the price worth the better quality sound. This is especially the case if digital fails to offer much in the way of enhanced service over what is already on offer with analogue radio.

All the same, it was perhaps somewhat disappointing to find that when the deadline came yesterday for submitting final proposals to the

digital radio, there was just one bidder, the only rival having dropped by the wayside some while back. Furthermore, the bidder's reasons for submitting a proposal at all seem to be mostly defensive. The bidder is a consortium of GWR, which owns Classic FM, Talk Radio and the cable operator NTL.

The two national radio stations involved get automatic renewal of their licences when they come up for review in the year 2000 if they bankroll the advance into digital, so they have an obvious incentive to fund the proposal regardless of whether they think it commercially viable. To be fair on the bidder, this is not an entirely spurious proposal. The consortium has come up with some genuine innovations to support its bid, including a dedicated sports channel. Even so, the suspicion must be that it has done the bare minimum to ensure it passes the Radio Authority's vari-

ous quality of service thresholds. The Government is keen to push ahead with the development of digital radio as quickly as possible. Britain leads the world in developing digital TV and ministers want us to do the same in radio. Furthermore, the BBC is independently already

making the necessary investment re- Thai baht is at ridiculously low levgardless of the fact that there are so few sets out there that can receive the service. To boot, the timing of the licence renewal for Classic FM has the effect of tying the authorities into an early decision on digital radio.

Nonetheless, the Radio Authority might give serious consideration to turning this bid down so as to allow for the development of credible alternative proposals. A onecontestant race is no good to anyone. By awarding the licence now before developments in technology allow for steep reductions in the costs of digital sets and the full commercial potential of digital radio becomes apparent, the Radio Authority will be guaranteeing that the new platform is dominated by present national radio incumbents, rather in the way the FTC has with digital TV. This cannot be the best way forward for a service multiple

Time pundits took a holiday

THERE HAS been no excuse for not taking a winter sun holiday or Far East was down and so were expleasant skiing trip this year. The ports of goods.

els against the pound, and the strength of the pound against the French franc has made even the Alps look affordable. Many of us still have money from the building society windfalls stashed away, and the lucky City few banked bumper bonuses this year. It should therefore be no surprise that we splashed out nearly £5bn on foreign trips in the first three months of this year. Judging by the number of Brits

even higher in the second quarter. The interesting question is whether this reflects strength or weakness in the economy. It certainly suggests that British consumers feel happier and wealthier even if that is not justified by the reality. Separate figures yesterday showed that consumer spending at home was still growing nearly 5 per cent in year-on-year terms.

doing their own Tour de France for

the World Cup this month, it will be

Yet the shock balance of payments figures have given pessimists about growth prospects extra ammunition. Apart from our rocketing spending on travel abroad, investment income from the

Two sets of evidence, two sets of pundits. One lot is full of gloomy warnings about recession, the others pre-dicting inflation pressures will force the Bank of England to raise interest rates again. After all, the target measure of inflation could soon hit the 3.5 per cent barrier that will force Eddie George to write an open letter of explanation to the Chancellor.

The truth is that the economy has reached a stage familiar in every business cycle where growth slows, often quite sharply, while inflation carries on rising. There are lags in the inflation process, which even the Bank of England seems to have forgotten, meaning that the peak of inflation is reached at least one year, and more likely two, after the peak rate of growth. This is nothing as dramatic as stagilation, simply the normal cyclical pattern.

That was the main thrust of yesterday's annual report from the OECD. The UK will see much slower growth this year and next, and persistent inflation - and there is not much the Bank of England can do about it. It sounds like time for both the MPC and the City pundits to make the situation worse and take a foreign boliday, far away from this

* Laird shares drop 20% as profits slump

SHARES IN Laird, the engi- in its sealing systems division neering group, fell by more had deteriorated. than 20 per cent after the company said its first-half profits these activities for the first half would be over 40 per cent lower of 1998," the company said. than last year.

its sealing systems business meant that pre-tax profits for of total profits, "are expected to the six months to June would be close to £20m, down from £34.7m in the same period last in 1997".

year were running at a lower company said that the position 388.5p.

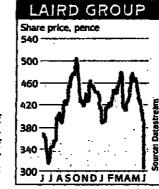
"This will result in a loss in The company added that its higher than expected. Laird said cost pressures in other activities, which in 1997 accounted for over 80 per cent produce results in the first half similar to those of the first half

The company's shares fell At last month's annual gen- 91.5p to 297p following the proferal meeting, Laird said prof- it warning, but they recouped its in the first four months of the some of their losses later in the day to close at 306.5p. The level than in 1997. Yesterday, the shares had started the day at

Ian Arnott, Laird's chief executive, said the main problem was that initial costs of operating the new car body seal plant in the US had been Mr Arnott said: "We're send-

ing out more experienced technicians from our plants in Europe to assist the production management in the States. The problem will be solved. Once we get the plant sorted out, it will enhance the value of our businesses overall." He added: "We are monitoring the situation on

said start-up costs on new made in Germany.



plants in France and Spain amounted to approximately £2m during the period.

Laird also identified some difficulties in Germany, where planned cost reductions have yet to be achieved and where margins had been forced down by strong competition. The company said that senior man-In addition, the company agement changes had been

FSA may not review 'rebate only' pensions misselling

THE Financial Services Au- By ANDREW VERITY thority has hinted it may back away from a full-scale review of all of the remaining 1.5 million cases of pension misselling after lobbying by insurance

The City regulator yesterday said it was putting off a decision on part of the second phase of the pensions review, which is designed to clear up the £15bn misselling scandal.

Phase two of the review is designed to look at 1.5 million "non-priority" cases of younger people who may have been missold a pension. The first phase, which encompassed

600,000 people who had retired or died since being missold, is due to end this year. The FSA now appears to be backing away from demanding that life insurers fully review a whole tranche of "rebate only personal pensions" sold to young people.

Steve Muir, a pensions expert with Axa Sun Life, said: "What the industry's arguing is that we are talking about a very, very small number of people with rebate-only pensions who fall into the category missold. We can get carried away with this, trying to be whiter than white."

The rebate-only pensions were sold to people who wanted a personal pension rather than being in Serps, the staterun second pension. Rather than paying national insurance for Serps, over 3 million customers have opted to have a national insurance rebate paid

into a personal pension. But life insurers complained that only a tiny fraction of these cases were connected to the real misselling problem of taking a personal pension instead where they may have been of an employer's scheme.

The misselling debacle is becoming increasingly costly to financial services companies. Hogg Robinson, one of the country's biggest financial advisers, yesterday revealed it had set aside £10m to compensate victims of misselling. This is believed to have doubled since Phase Two of the review was announced.

Lincoln Assurance was yesterday fined £70,000 because of failures connected to the pensions review, its second regulatory fine in just over a year. In April 1997 the company was fined £20,000 over problems with its administration of PEPs.

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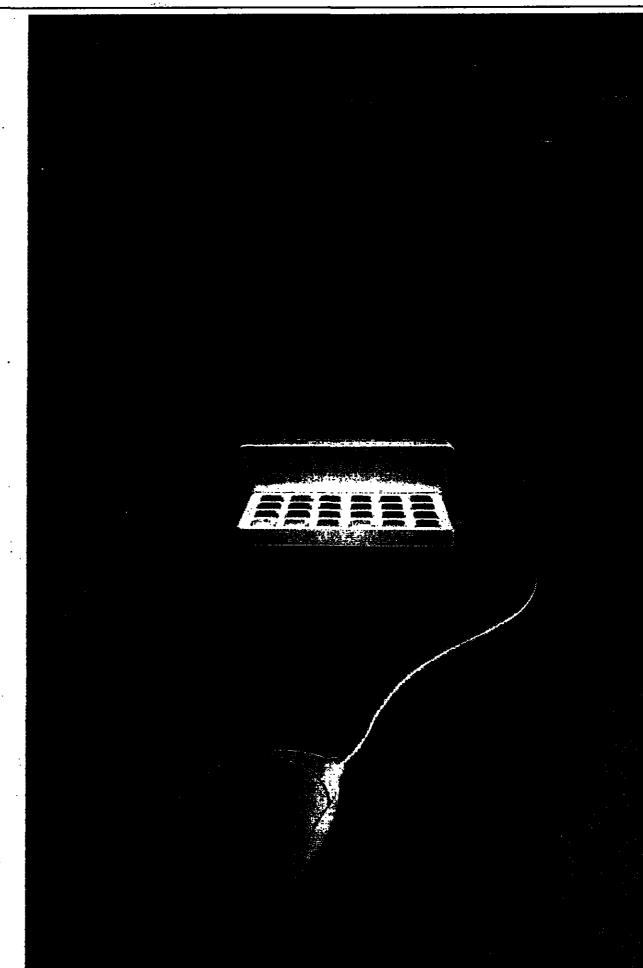
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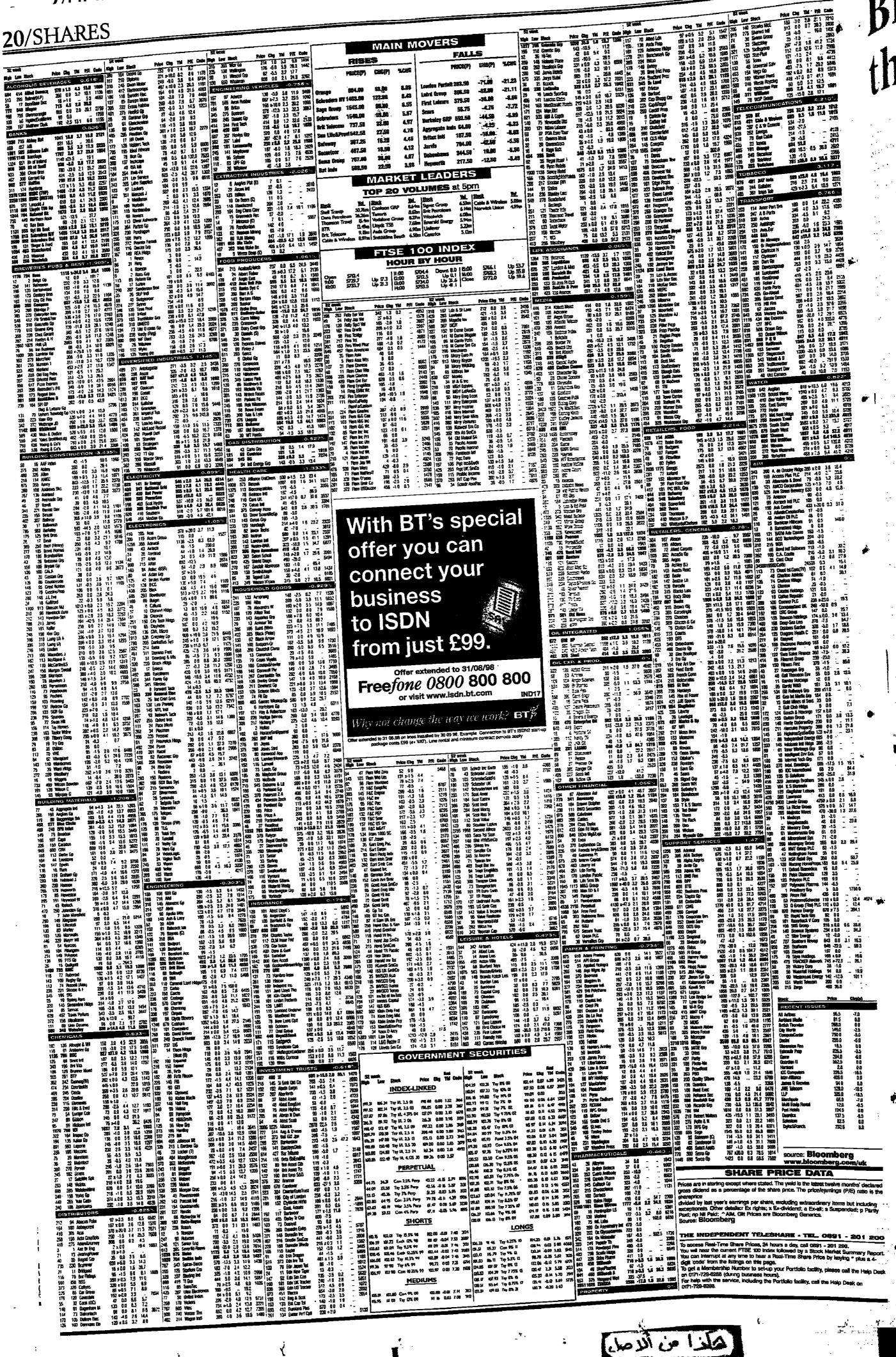
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Blue chips leave the rest behind

IT WAS a stock market of two halves - the haves and have-nots. As the blue chip Footsie index scored a 59.6 points gain to 5,772 the second and thirdliners remained in dismal and ragged retreat

Telephone groups led the Footsie charge. BT was up 37p (after 51p) to a 741p closing peak as stories continued to circulate of a deal, perhaps a full merger, with the US group AT&T.

Orange, ringing a 54p gain to 605p following an investment presentation, and Vodafone, merely joining in the telephonic fun with a 25p uplift to 760p, also helped to dial Footsie higher.

But down among the under-card it was a very different story. The mid cap index fell a resounding 51.5 to 5,510.4. It has fallen for 10 consecutive trading days, sliding 456.2. The small cap index, off 36.6 to 2,624.8, has suffered a similar indignity.

The second and third-liners have had a strong run in recent months. After trailing miserably behind their Footsie peers, they staged a dramatic revival as fund managers and small investors decided blue chips had moved ahead of the game and the best value lurked on the under-card.

There was an undoubted buying stampede which, because of the lack of liquidity of many shares, pushed prices sharply higher. Now as some of the buyers feel it is time to take their profits they are finding it is difficult to exit such tightly held shares at realistic

The dramatic retreat has led to some desperate sellers appearing on the scene, often prepared to accept what would be regarded as absurd

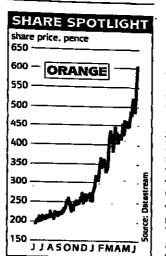
Most of the mid cap shares are still traded under the transparent market-making system with only a handful graduating to the order book. Said one dealer: "We are witnessing a very uncomfort-

able market; it's been a rude

awakening for some of the

vounger fund managers." Rumours of BT's proposed AT&T deal have been intriguing the market for nearly a week. The American group MARKET REPORT

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consolation prize for BT following the loss of its planned MCI deal. Orange, where SBC Warburg has set an 800p target, was spurred by a new tariff package and network guarantee proposals.

Others to support the Footsie push were Halifax, recovering much of Monday's fall, and Schroders, where Carpetright, off 41.5p to

DEAN CORPORATION, the building and property services group created by Stephen Dean, is creeping up on Superframe; it has picked up another 500,000 shares, fifting its stake to 29.45 per cent, just below the level which triggers a bid. It is thought Mr Dean hopes to galvanise the acrylic shop-fitting maker, possibly joining

MEARS, the building maintenance company, firmed 0.5p to 12.25p. Takeover talk is in the air. There are suggestions one would-be bidder has decided to walk away Placed at 10p in October, 1996, the shares hit a 13.5p high recently.

LPA, little changed at 73.5p, should lift profits from £557,000 to £900,000 this year and then hit £1.16m, says stockbroker Greig Middleton.

GILT INDEX: n/a

eternal quality. BAT Industries, up 26p to 592p, was puffed higher on the back of a US court victory and Safeway, the stores chain, inproved 12.5p to 383.5p as HSBC was thought to have adopted a more positive stance to what has become the lame duck of the big four

Overseas earners remained in the doldrums, hit by the continuing strength of sterling. RioTinto fell 26.5p to 680p; BTR 5p to 170.25p and Volseley 17.5p to 355p.

Engineer Laird produced the day's main profit warning - and lost 82p to 306.5p for its trouble. It said interim profits would be nearer £20m than last time's £34.7m.

Another warning emerged from finance group London Forfaiting. The market slashed profit forecasts after the company, dogged in recent weeks by concerns over its extensive Asian exposure. warned profits would be "substantially" below expectations. With forecasts now in the £30m area against £47m, the shares plunged 71p to 263.5p. They were 481.5p a few

First Leisure declined 36p to 379.5p following disappointing profits, and another negative trading statement from Sears left the shares 4.75p down at 56.75p. Figures from Jarvis hit the shares 42.5p to 704p.

The rug was pulled from

the board. But there is also the possibility he will roll out a full bid. Superframe, which came to market at 50p three years ago, beld at 22p.

SEAQ VOLUME 903.3m: SEAQ TRADES: 63,224

274.5p, by even poorer than expected results, and MFI, reporting next week, apprehensively dropped 4.5p to

Care UK, providing health care facilities, firmed 17p to 240.5p after confirming a bid approach and Galen, a drugs group which came to market last year, was suspended at 437.5p after disclosing it was in talks which could lead to a reverse takeover.

Oils were firm on the feeling that the next Opec meeting, starting in Vienna today, could attempt another round of production cuts, perhaps up to 1 million barrels a day.

But Opec is not the power it used to be and it has experienced difficult enforcing cuts as member states adopted their own line. Still British Petroleum gained 17.50 to 867.50 and Shell 5p to 414p.

Enterprise Oil, up 10p to 560p, was additionally buoyed by favourable analyst comment, with Lehman Brothers suggesting a 630p target price.

Taylor Nelson, the research group, fell 6p to 111p. Centenaire Blanzy plans to sell its 10.62 per cent stake through Cazenove. Its shareholding stemmed from its control of the Sofres Group, acquired by TN in November.

Hambro Countrywide, the estate agent, gave up 4.5p to 126.5p; a 33.5 million block went through at 123p as the demerger from the old Hambros was effected. It is thought the shares came from Guardian Asset Management, which had a significant stake in the estate agent even before the demerger. Under the terms of the split, shareholders received 0.9 of a Countrywide share for every one Hambros share.

Psion's recent strength appeared to come from a possible move into "the field of wireless information devices". Apparently a joint venture, with an unidentified partner, is being considered. Shares of the hand-held computer group ended unchanged at

Tadpole Technology firmed 1.5p to 16.25p after cutting interim losses from £2.5m to £994,000 but Ionica, the hard-pressed wireless telephone group, lost 6p to 28p.

Source: Bloombers

Carpetright floored by higher interest rates

CARPETRIGHT HAS never had it so bad. Even Lord Harris of Peckham, the retailer's founder and chairman, has never seen a carpet market like this in his 40 years in the business. People aren't buying the things even if you slash the price, he says. Investors have been avoiding the shares in similar fashion. They have now almost halved in a year, falling a further 13 per cent to 274.5p yesterday, their lowest

point in four years. The latest fall follows lower than expected full-year profits of £29m. down from £32m. Coming hard on the heels of the company's warning of a sales slowdown in March, the figures had analysts cutting their forecasts from around £34m to £25m for the current year.

What has gone wrong? The problems are partly external. Higher interest rates are deterring consumers from buying big ticket items like carpets and furniture, hence the recent profits warnings from DFS and MFI. The carpet market fell off a cliff in December and January, which are traditionally strong periods for carpet sales.

However, mistakes have also been made internally, including spending too much on advertising and over-hiring. The result was a dramatic fall in the net margin, which dropped from 13.8 per cent to 10.8 per cent as costs rose ahead of sales. Lord Harris plans to cut £4m from the cost base this year. He expects to maintain margins across the group this year but has scaled back expansion plans.

With the next move for interest rates expected to be up, this year is clearly going to be grim for Carpetright. On a lowly forward rating of 12 the shares could offer good longer-term value but are not worth chasing in the short term.

A deal too far for Jarvis?

HAVE WE seen the best of Jarvis? The fast-growing transport infrastructure and facilities management group has been one of the market's favourite stocks in recent years. But in the past few weeks investors have slammed on the brakes.

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CARPETRIGHT: AT A GLANCE Market value: £218m, share price: 274.5p (-41.5p) 1996 1997 Trading record 1994 1995 110.0 185.0 Turnover (£m) 141.0 32.1 29:1 25.2 Pre-tax profits (£m) 14.0 19.7 Earnings per share (p) 12.0 16.8 22.3 28.5 10.5 4.5 19.0 Dividends per share (p) 7.0 Carpet market 650 550 150 M J J A S O N D J F M

and yesterday the shares sense to branch out into roads dropped another 30.5p to 716p. This despite impressive fullyear figures which showed pre-

tax profits more than doubling government. The government's to £36.7m on turnover up 36 per dislike of road travel hardly cent to £355m. Even the news that Jarvis is the preferred bodes well. bidder on a range of contracts worth a combined £300m failed to boost the shares.

This is partly just profit-taking. After all, Jarvis shares have risen more than 30-fold since the beginning of 1996. But the concerns run deeper. Specifically, shareholders worry that Jarvis may have done a deal too far in buying Streamline, the quoted road services business, for £185m in May. Paris Moayedi, Jarvis's chief

executive, argues that it makes

and airports. But sceptics point out that in rail Jarvis is dealing with a private-sector customer while in roads it depends on the

Moreover, Jarvis will not be able to repeat the trick it managed last year with Fastline and Relayfast, the track renewal companies, in buying underperforming assets and turning them around, Instead, Jarvis paid a full price for a company which was already very profitable. Brokers expect profits of

£57m in the coming year, putting the shares on a forward p/e ratio of 23. Given the uncertainty, the shares are still

Hogg Robinson shaken up

NEW CHAIRMAN Neville Bain has taken Hogg Robinson, the travel and financial services group, by the scruff of the neck and shaken some life into it by a mixture of disposals and management focus.

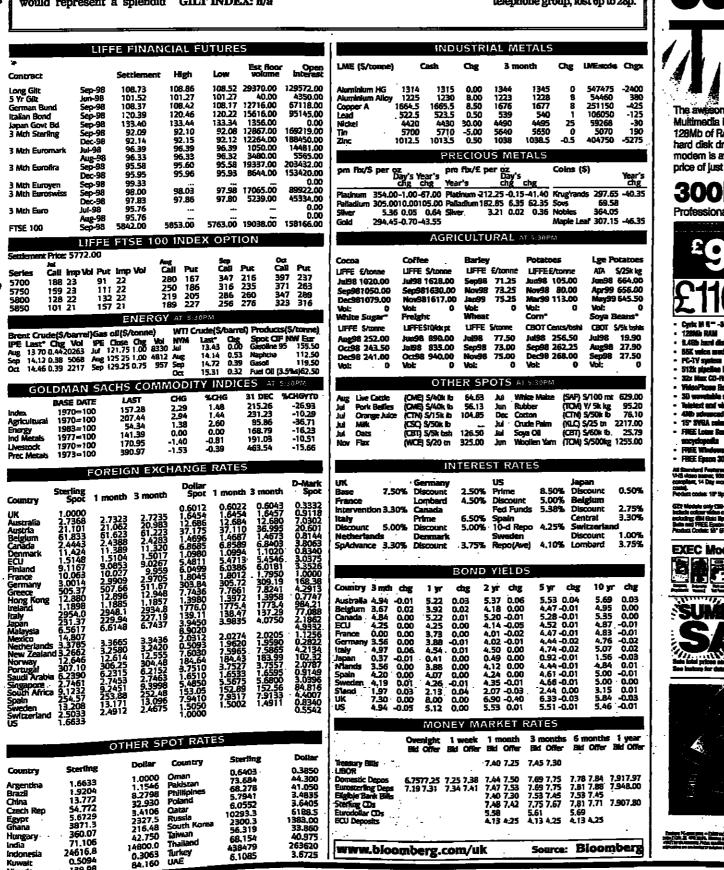
The pensions mis-selling scandal still hangs over it but a hefty £10m provision in next year's accounts should finally confine that episode to the history books. The size of the provision sent shares plunging 29.5p to 289.5p yesterday but the fall looks overdone. Management displayed its optimism about the future by unveiling a final dividend of 6.93p, making a total for the year of 11.0p, up 12,2 per cent.

The payout - which follows last year's share buyback came after total group pre-tax and pre-exceptional profits rose from £28.1m last time to £30.1m for the 12 months to March 31.

Last year's clear-out involved the sale of Hogg Robinson's transport division but the group also bought two business travel operations. It has started the new year in the same way, taking a 51 per cent stake in Canada's Hider Travel.

Currency factors cost the company £1.8m last year and it is losing some business as a result of the Asian crisis. But analysts expect 1998 profits of £32m, putting the company on a future earnings multiple of 11. After yesterday's fall, buy.

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Dracula cliché count kills off England

IT WILL almost certainly go down in the annals of football commentary as the mother of all own goals. "There's only one team that's going to win this game now and that's England," Kevin Keegan asserted after Michael Owen had scored his dramatic equaliser against Romania. As soon as he had spoken the phrase Keegan tried to cover himself but the damage had been done. He knew that he had violated the professionals' code of superstition with that most dread-

ful of crimes, tempting fate. He was not alone, however. Brian Moore had assured us that the Romanians would "tire significantly in the later stages of the game", exactly as 30-year-old Dan Petrescu did in the 90th minute, when Graeme Le Saux completely outfought him and won the ball to save the match for actually started the night before England. OK, that's enough knowing irony. While Moore and Keegan's

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gaffes were individually memorable they were symptomatic of an ITV broadcast that revealed exactly why they always fluff a big event when it comes their way, and why that failure seems linked in the viewers' minds to England's.

ITV's ominous contribution had when Tony Francis, having been de-ponents in the name of entertainnied access to the Romanian camp,



scraped together a report in which every known cliché about Transylvania, Count Dracula, vampires, garlic and crosses made an appearance. You knew in your bones that this crass routine would rebound on England, the way it always has in the past when broadcasters either denigrate or demonise our opment. Think of Brian Clough calling

the Polish keeper Jan Tomaszewski "a clown" in 1973, or Graham Taylor urging us to "get the beers in, sit down and relax", before one of his disastrous escapades unfolded.

Filled with foreboding, I just about survived Bob Wilson's lumbering introduction which yet again revealed that he has neither the vocabulary nor the delivery for what he called "a huge match, a huge occasion". A leading role in the forthcoming remake of Thunderbirds may be his best bet. But now ITV deployed their secret weapon - they had two former England managers on duty, Bobby Robson and Terry Venables, and the increasingly managerial John Barnes, so what else might you need? Well, how about a cheesy greeting to the England squad from the cast of Coronation Street? The lads in Toulouse must have been thrilled with that boost,

and the tactical advantage it gave them over the Romanians.

In between the fusillade of footballlinked adverts, this "huge, momentous" occasion unfolded, to the extent that after twenty minutes I had the word "DULC" on my notepad in capital letters. As Brian Moore mistook Shearer for Anderton and Batty for Sheringham, it became obvious that he and Keegan were seeing one match while we at home were seeing another. Much was made of England's slow "tempo", the new buzzword for commentators, but not the reason for it - Sheringham giving the ball away and the Romanians not giving it back.

Only at half-time was some realism admitted. An agitated Venables accurately pinpointed Petrescu's growing authority over the wandering Le Saux, while Barnes described possession of the ball as "gold dust"

in the context of this game, with Eng-land more guilty than gilded. Moore had just embarked on another plea for England to "up the tempo" when Romania upped theirs first and scored. Gradually the narrative became all about breaking the glass in case of an emergency and pulling out little Michael Owen - a move that had seemed necessary even in the first half. The disparity between the commentary and what was actually happening in the match grew to its unfortunate climax, but there was still time for both Glenn Hoddle and Barnes to assert, without challenge.

that "we did enough to win". ITV's commercial pressures are a fact of life, and while that affects their choice of drama series they really cannot force football to fit into the same feel-good format just because England are playing. The Romanians beat us because they are

a shrewd, technically gifted, experienced team and not a bunch of vampiric has-beens looking to get back to their castle to meet Dracula. Indeed, it was they who left England and ITV looking like a bunch of

The BBC's response to the game was to show highlights so edited in England's favour that you might have thought we had won. I doubt if Romanian television under Ceausescu was more biased. But Martin O'Neill, who is rapidly becoming a welcome renegade in among all the cosy opinions, ruthlessly demolished the impression of English superiority. "Nothing was happening until Owen came on, nothing. I don't buy the view that he has no fear because he comes on late. Owen will show no fear when he starts." Bring on the South American drugs barons then!



Norman Berryman, the New Zealand Maoris centre, storms away from the England defence in the 62-14 defeat of the tourists at Rotorua vesterday

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New Zealand Maoris

THE BAY of Plenty groundstaff played "We'll Meet Again" as Eng-land, tails firmly between their legs, he can indeed hack it in the trenchbade an inglorious farewell to Ro- es as well as the wide open spaces torua yesterday. Another meeting - England were at their most shamwith the Maoris is the last thing on bolic against a Maori outfit unbeatearth the tourists need but in one en in five years and 15 matches. No sense, the Vera Lynn connection was entirely appropriate. This was a to win but equally, no one expected blitz, pure and simple, and the re-construction work on this generation of red rose apprentices will take an

awfully long time to complete. As Errol Brain, the Maoris captain. acknowledged after the B Test taking the previously unheard of step calamity of a desperate southern of substituting both half-backs, Peter hemisphere trek - on average, England have lost their five matches to date by the excruciating margin of Tim Stimpson and Matt Moore suf-

54-13 - some members of the squad fered the entire catalogue of defenmay never recover from the experience. "In New Zealand, we surround new players with guys who have been there and done a bit," the Counties 62 No 8 said. "I think this will have a bad effect on one or two, for sure." Barring a couple of notable ex-

ceptions - Tony Diprose, for inone remotely expected the tourists

Brian Ashton, placed in charge of the midweek side, was forced into Richards and Alex King, with more

pressingly, even the Gloucester boys were as quiet as church mice. Phil Greening was as disappointing yesterday as he had been magnificent in Hamilton 10 days previously.

Ashton was in no mood for explaying a totally different game to the one we play in England," he said. With the brilliant Troy Flavell "For a start, they use the whole of the pitch rather than the 35 per cent we bother with back home. The other difference, of course, is one of conditioning. To my mind, there is half-back, the locals were certainties not a great gulf in terms of cardiovascular fitness. There is, though, no comparison in terms of explosive power Make a half-tackle against

Indeed, there were no English tackles worthy of the name; "We lost Richard Pool-Jones, their proud than half an hour left on the clock missed 24, they missed four," mut- and committed flanker, with ankle tered Diprose, whose captaincy, han- problems shortly before the interval. haps the only Englishman with a

dling, ball-carrying and general ensive humiliations against a direct and thusiasm under extreme duress dynamic Maori back division; de- confirmed him as a loose forward of international class. The first batch of defensive cock-ups came early as Lewis Moody and Tony Windo waved through Daryl Gibson in midfield. So clean was his break that Jim Coe was able to gallop over unmolested from cuses. "These New Zealanders are the best part of 30 metres. Coe, by

defining the Maori forward effort with the aggression of his close-quarter running and Rhys Duggan combining dangerously with Tony Brown at by the break. Brown ghosted away from the uncertain King for the second try, while Norm Berryman, a deeply disturbing cross between these blokes and you quickly find Jonah Lomu, Va'aiga Tuigamala and that you've made no tackle at all." a tank, added a third from distance. Just to make matters worse, England

Berryman was at it again within smile on his face was Danny Grewfive minutes of the restart, leaving Moody and Moore in his not inconsiderable wake as he steamrollered was Dallas Seymour, followed by Duggan, followed by Adrian Cashmore, Tony Marsh and Roger Randle; try after try, each perfect execution unhindered and uninter-

rupted by the English whipping boys.

Jos Baxendell, switched to outside-half from outside centre to fill in for King, at least showed enough inventive touches to challenge for a starting place against the All Blacks on Saturday. Indeed, the maverick risk-taker from Sale contributed the single most accomplished touch

cock, the Saracens lock dismissed for kicking during last weekend's Test in Dunedin. The tour management his way over from half-way. Then it will not appeal against his five-week suspension, a decision which gives him carte blanche to catch the first

flight home. Darm his luck.

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the single most accomplished touch of the night, chipping the ball over the Maori defence with his right knee rather than his right boot to create a late try for Spencer Brown.

There was not much else to shout about, apart from Diprose's deserved score on the final whistle. Perhaps the only Englishman with a [Sale for King. 47]. Referee: P McFe (Southland).

Uttley has to admit gulf in standards

ENGLISH RUGBY union's inadequacies have been horribly exposed by their southern hemisphere tour admitted Roger Uttley, the England manager, yesterday.

England conceded a fourth halfcentury of points in five matches with the 62-14 hammering by a fired-up New Zealand Maoris side at Rotorua yesterday. In total, they have leaked 270 points and 38 tries, confirming a massive gulf in standards.

"We've got to ensure that the lessons we've learnt out here are taken on board," Uttley said. "They have got to be addressed because, unless we do, then England will flounder."

The captain, Tony Diprose, had no excuses for the nine-try demolition, citing a damning missed tackles count - the Maoris' four to England's 24.

"It is very disappointing for all the players. We didn't see the ball for 20 minutes, and our first-up tackling let us down," Diprose said.

"We need to go up two or three notches building towards next tackles, then you cannot expect to

win at this level." Brian Ashton, who supervised England for today's game with the the side's coach, Clive Woodward, having returned home following his father's death, added: "You are talking about far greater strength and power between southern and northern hemispheres - there are

some startling differences. "The guys down here have a different concept of how to play the game. They use far more width, and it becomes a different ball game. If you miss tackles, then you are punished."

Few England players did their hopes of a Test call-up against New Zealand on Saturday any good. The possible exceptions were a committed Diprose, the try-scoring wing Spencer Brown and Sale's Jos Baxendell, who showed his footballing skills at centre and then at stand-off when he replaced Alex

King.
The England flanker Richard Pool-Jones went to hospital for an X-ray examination on an injured ankle, and his chances of taking any further part in the tour do not look

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Courtcraft comes to rescue of hesitant Hingis

BY JOHN ROBERTS

THE OMENS were not good when it was noted that among the guests in the Royal Box were Mr and Mrs Flood. Fortunately it did not come to that, and the aforementioned High Commissioner for Australia and his wife were able to enjoy play between the showers.

A damp Tuesday greeted the traditional "Ladies day," and it was perhaps as well that nobody reminded Martina Hingis of what befell Steffi Graf on a wet and cold second day of the Championships in 1994.

On that occasion, Graf made the sort of history she would prefer to have kept off her CV by becoming the first defending champion to lose in the first round of the the women's singles. The usually all-conquering German was defeated by the American serve and volleyer, Lori McNeil, who went on to

reach the semi-finals. McNeil, ranked No 127 in the world, had to rely on a wild card to get through the gates this year, and has the distinction of being the oldest player in the women's draw, aged 34. She spent much of yesterday wondering when the rain would go away. Around teatime she was told that her firstround match against the Belgian Els Callens would not be played, in common with other matches scheduled third or fourth on the outside courts.

Hingis, 17, who last year became the youngest champion of the century, made a tentative opening to her title defence in defeating the American Lisa Raymond, 7-5, 6-3. Raymond, to be fair, is a difficult opponent. She narrowly missed a seeding with a ranking of No 19.

Last year, when Hingis dommated the majority of her matches, she became familiar with Raymond's feisty play, losing the last of their three previous

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an indoor tournament in her adoptive home city, Zurich.

Whether this played on Hingis's mind, or whether she was slightly concerned about the odd twinge in her right wrist, she did not have the better of the early exchanges, finding herself forced to save a break point in the opening game and three more in the fifth.

It was not until Raymond double-faulted at 3-4 that Hingis had her first break point. The American compounded her serving errors by slicing a backhand over the baseline.

Serving out the set was not the formality for Hingis the spectators might have anticipated. She slipped while at-

tempting to prevent her

opponent from passing her with a forehand for 30-40, and netted

a backhand on the break point.

Raymond managed to sal-

vage two set points in the 10th

game, the first with her only ace

of the match and the second by

forcing Hingis to net a forehand,

and then failed to convert a

break point at 5-5, slicing a

In winning the 12th game

Hingis showed the first real sign

of the court-craft and shot-mak-

ing that has taken her to No 1

in the world, producing a splen-

did winning forehand down the

line from a deep position to cre-

ate to set points. The first one

backhand wide.

was lured into netting a backhand after 52 minutes.

Nine minutes later, with Hingis leading 2-1 on serve in the second set, the players retreated to the changing-room and the covers were on and off the court for an hour and a half before the match resumed.

Hingis, keen to finish the job, found Raymond difficult to subdue. The American saved three break points before missing with a backhand down the line after a spirited rally on the fourth. Hingis held to love for 4-1, and then battled with Raymond through four more break points before the American hit a backhand long on the fifth.

YESTERDAY AT WIMBLEDON

Rafter survives a third-set

lapse to see off Heuberger

Novotna breezes past fellow

Czech Kleinova in straight sets

Rusedski level 1-1 in sets with

Draper when rain stopped play

When it came to serving out

the match, Hingis again found

Raymond hard to shift. The

Swiss had three match points

at 5-1, Raymond saving the

first with a splendid backhand

pass, the second with a fore-

hand and the third by confi-

dently returning a second

serve. Another crisp return

took the American to break

point, and Hingis steered a

backhand over the baseline.

match after 86 minutes.

The rain delay did not appear

While players sometimes theorise about the benefits of a testing opening match, especially in the Grand Slam tournaments, Hingis did not go along with the notion on this occasion. "I would rather have easier matches, like at the French or Australian Open," she said. "When you play Wimbledon, you do not want to play the No 19 player you lost to last give everything to just get through the first round. I hope now it is going to be easier for

Although Raymond held to There was one disappointlove, Hingis did not fail with her ment for Hingis yesterday. Her fourth match point, delivering boyfriend, the Spaniard Julian a winning serve to conclude the Alonso, was beaten in straight sets in the first round by Ger-"I expected it to be tough,"

was converted when Raymond have confidence to play her game, and that is what she did very well. In the first couple of games I didn't know what to do. You play on Centre Court after one year, and I didn't have much practice."

to affect her, chiefly because she had already managed to work her way back into the rhythm of grass-court tennis. "I just felt more comfortable," she said. "I was 2-1 up, so I was more confident going out there again. I started to feel the ball much bet-

time you played her. I had to the next two or three rounds."

Hingis acknowledged that she senses a difference in her approach this time around. Last year I was still kind of the underdog," she said. "I was still seeded No 1 when I won the Australian Open and made the French finals, but on grass nobody expected me to win it or gave me the credit. And now I am the favourite, since [Anna] Kournikova is not in and [Mary] Pierce lost, and nobody knows what is going to happen with Steffi. It is a quite different feeling to come back here as a defending champion with the opening round. It feels good."

many's Nicolas Kiefer Hingis said. "I knew she would



Greg Rusedski goes for another ace against Mark Draper at Wimbledon yesterday

Williams typecast for the American dream

By Guy hodgson

YOU CAN tell the girls with stellar potential by the attention paid to the biographical detail in the Women's Tennis Association handbook. Britain's Sam Smith, for example, has one favourite movie – Dead Poets Society; Venus Williams gets enough choices to fill several evening schedules on BBC2.

Shawshank Redemption. Coneheads, and Alice Doesn't Live Here Any More are just three of the seven listed which suggests Williams goes to the cinema more often than Barry Norman. Either that or she has a problem making her mind up.

Venus Williams, I hear you ask, what has she done to merit such scrutiny? Well she got to the US Open final last year for a start – the first non-seed to do so since Darlene Hard in 1958 but in a sense that does not matter. The Americans are so desperate for a native-born female tennis player, that anyone with potential is hyped to death. Then they really start looking for the superlatives.

The more so since the earch for the next Chris Evert is taking on the epic proportions last seen when someone misplaced the Holy Grail. Tracy Austin and Andrea Jaeger have come and gone and Jennifer Capriati is beading that way and no one has fully filled in for the divine Miss É since she stopped winning Grand Slams 12 years ago. Hence the atten-

tion on Venus rising. The 18-year-old Williams is quadruply blessed. Not only is she seen as one the women most likely to have Old Glory

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fluttering proudly again but and a little thing appeared to the fact she is black and not have slipped her mind yesterfrom the WASP roots from which American players normally spring has had potential sponsors drooling. Then there is the sister, Serena, who might turn out to be better. Even Tiger Woods does not have that in his locker

Jana Nejedly, Williams op-ponent yesterday, also has a sister on the tour but, as she fills none of the above criteria, with the possible exception of a mouth that did not necessarily have a silver spoon inserted when she was born, no one notices. Who cares about Canadians - unless they decide to become British of course.

Nevertheless for several minutes yesterday it appeared Nejedly might be a surprise inclusion in the women's second round. Williams fell at the first hurdle last year, a result which she says she has forgotten.

day when her opponent was left on Court 13 for a full 10 minutes looking for someone to knockup against. Someone speculated that a

slip had been made in Williams' hairstyle and her beads had spilled on the floor, a preposterous suggestion because such a disaster would take the entire Wimbledon fortnight to clear up, never mind a match. But just when it seemed a default might be imminent the American turned up with a "you've not been waiting for me, have you?" attitude which Joan Collins would have been proud of.

A wait, as Miss Collins could tell you, is only acceptable if the end product makes it worth it and it was difficult to criticise Williams. At 6ft 1in she would be striking even without the blue and white droplets in her locks (blue is her favourite

difference when a tennis ball is in her vicinity. When Williams walks she looks coltish, awkward even. Then the switch is pulled and she glides round a court with

thing that really hits you is the

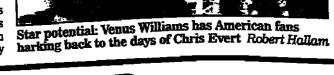
such energy, grace and power you wonder if you are watching the same person. The change was startling, recalling the story, albeit more extreme, of the England cricketers who giggled when they saw a young, seemingly uncoordinated player coming out to bat against them in the West Indies. His name was Clive Lloyd.

Not that Nejedly found the force being propelled towards her by the seventh seed remotely funny. She tried to match the high velocity shells only to find her accuracy could not compete and she lost the 6-3, 6-3 in 63 minutes of ferocious punishment

It was a neat and tidy score but one that would have been over even more quickly if a rain interruption had not temporarily halted Williams' flow. Her serve, which is strong enough to suggest grass could become her favourite surface once she learns to live with its unpredictability, was broken at 2-1 in the second set, delaying the inevitable until the damage was immediately repaired.

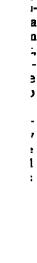
"I don't have any expectation," Williams' mother, Oracene, said. "How can you predict anything at Wimble don?" She might not expect, but her country does. Maybe not this time but in the near future certainly and yesterday she looked a future champion.





World Cup fever has even reached the hallowed turf of the All

Robert Hallam





singles Martina Hingis (Switzerland) Pete Samoras (United States) No problems for Martina in

YESTERDAY'S STATS 5,735 The number of hours 6 The number of male grand Wimbledon was broadcast slam champions either un-

worldwide in 1997 174 The number of countries that received television coverage of Wimbledon in 1997 2 The number of Wimbledon finals in which Goran Ivanisevic has been runner-up

seeded or not in the top 16 34 The age of Lori McNeil, the oldest woman in the draw 33,838 The first day's attendance at the championships. 2 The number of female players from Taiwan

Men's singles: Evs Sampras; 9-1 Krajicek; 12 Rusedski, Rafter; 14-1 Bjorkman Women's singles: 10/11 Hingis; 5-1 Graf, 7-1 Seles, Novotna; 10-1 V Williams Sampras v Tillstrom Philippoussis v O'Brie Philippoussis v O'Brien 5/2 Agassi v Haas 11/4 Henman v Nainkin 4/1 Henman v Nainkin 4/1 Chang v Gustafsson 5-6

TODAY'S WEATHER

Partly cloudy with a chance of showers. Maximum temperature 20C

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Court circular EDITED BY IAN TASKER Ukrainian Mystic Meg

THE DISMISSAL of any seeded player by a lowly ranked op-ponent in a Grand Slam is generally described as a shock result, but it appears Elena Tatarkova's first-round victory over the 11th seed Mary Pierce was a surprise to everyone but the

Ukrainian player herself.

After a tight 7-6, 6-3 win the 22-year-old Tatarkova, who is based in Fulham for the Championships, said: "I went from my friend's house down to practise and to find out about the draw for Wimbledon. It was then that it came into my mind that I would play Mary Pierce. I knew exactly the clothes I would be wearing to play in but I didn't get a clear picture of the score. People were asking me but all I knew was I was throwing up

Tatarkova, ranked 87 in the world, admits that although the premonition came to her in a flash she did smile when she found out who her first-round opponent was. "It didn't alter my at-titude going into the match," the player, who has never won a match at Wimbledon in five visits, said.

Not a regular Mystic Meg, the 5ft 7in left-hander would not be drawn into predicting the result of her second-round

Perfect souvenir from a day in SW19

IF YOU'VE spent hours queuing to buy a ticket for the Championships only for it to start drizzling the moment you step through the hallowed portals, there is help at hand. The All-England club, like any self-respecting tourist trap, has provided a variety of shops in which spectators can shelter from the elements and the organisers can help them part with even more of their hard-earned cash. In the main shop underneath Court One you can buy anything from the predictable logo-splashed T-shirts to Wimbledon sunglasses and cut glass, but at the stall near Gate 1 many a trinket can be acquired for under £5. Particularly tempting are the tennis player fridge magnets

that bear a frightening resemblance to the old style big head-scarfed Agassi, a snip at £1.20. Hand over £2.80 and you could get a two-inch plastic teddy bear complete with Wimbledon jumper. Even a ball-point pen, a pencil sharpener and a palmsized brush – all purple and green – will only set you back £4.10p. To the more extravagant, at £5.50, the gold diamanté ten-

nis racket brooch, packaged in a velvetine strawberry-shaped presentation box, will make a perfect memento of a day in SW19.



England Club. A baliboy holding a ball aloft at Wimbledon yesterday gives a of football's most coveted trophy

Novotna revels as predator

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THERE WAS moisture about seems to be when Jana Novot-

na is in town. When the Duchess Of York packed her sou'wester and mac to attend the All England Olub the motive may been either the overhead conditions or the realisation that Novot-

na was down to play. When the pair met after the 1993 final the Czech gifted to Steffi Graf the effect was as if the good lady had suffered a burst hot water-bottle on the shoulder pad. When Novotna gets emotional there is probably an appreciable rise in sea

level. It was the beginning of the Czech's 13th attempt at the singles crown yesterday. She has reached two finals, a semi and four quarters and so has been a bridesmaid more often

than Liz Taylor's sister. Novotna's is the women's game most suited to grass, but her brain seems ill-programmed to win a competition of any description. Her rare success at Eastbourne at the weekend was the first grass

When Novotna is in combat, down at the table to sign a surrender treaty.

It is the big games and the big names which bug Jana, however, so yesterday's firstround appointment with her compatriot Sandra Kleinova never seemed to carry the right recipe for collapse. Novotna has been in the leading five for considerably longer than Ginger managed, a record she has compiled by

dealing cleanly with the little furry things of the circuit. Yesterday's match was effectively over in a Serengeti moment in the second game. Kleinova achieved something very close to a splits on the slippery surface and was a limping figure from then on. This was spotted by the keeneyed animal circling the pastures, and from that moment Kleinova was being run down. She had emerged with a ball holder clipped to her back and soon there was a further ugly addition to the apparel

court title of her career. She applied to her right knee. At court with good bounces and, has never won a Grand Slam. 2-3 in the second set she was today, very heavy weather. allowed the respite of a rain until the moment she has to sit long grass, but that just sus- out there too long. Of course

All-rounder: Martina Hingis has the attributes that could enable up her to establish a lengthy sequence of Wimbledon championship victories

The 20-vear-old continued and prodded suspiciously at the surface. She looked pitifully at the chair for assistance and then Novotna had the good grace to come in and fin-

ish it at 6-2, 6-2. The hunter enjoyed this short day's work. "I felt pretty good," Novotna said. "The

Christie while at college (you didn't get curriculums like that in my day). Cat Among The Pi-"I wanted to really finish this here yesterday. There always an opponent has a chance break and hobbled into the match and didn't want to stay geons then covered an unex-nerable to a power game. pected victory for American,

there were a couple of mistakes I should eliminate along to slide around on her return the way, but it's pretty much always like that. I just need to make it a little better, a little tighter."

There were dramatic options when Novotna's final conqueror of 12 months ago, Martina Hingis, took to the Centre Court. Her opponent was Lisa Raymond, who studcourt felt almost like a hard ied the works of Agatha

women to beat Hingis last year. In fact, this was a devilish first sortie for the Swiss Miss against the world No 19. Hingis has endured easier finals than this. The little groundhog from Pennsylvania possesses a neat, all-court game and the mask slipped only when she

WIMBLEDON RESULTS

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S Sargslan (Arm) bt A Portas (Sp) 6-0 P RAFTER (Aus) bt I Heuberger (Swit) 6-1 6-2 4-6 6-1 S Grosjean (Fr) bt M Damm (Cz Rep) 6-3 7-6 6-3 **WOMEN'S SINGLES**

V WILLIAMS (US) bt J Nejectly (Can) 6-3 5 TESTUD (Fr) bt R P Stubbs (Aus) 7-6

N TAUZIAT (Fr) bt H Inoue (Jápan) 2-6 (Neth) bt E Wagner (Ger) M Oremans (N 2-6 6-3 6-2

aroused. She took it at 7-5, 6-3. Hingis may have won four of the last six Grand Slams. but defeat at the hands of trap.

while if Hingis ran away with

been pulled from the shelf.

Nemesis was also a title

worth considering as Ray-

mond was one of only five

double-faulted at 3-4 in the

first set. It was the first

droplet of blood she had spilt

in the match, but then it was

a great white shark that was

patrolling the net in front of

her, the other female predator

of the afternoon. Once a hole

appeared Hingis was in and,

though Raymond broke back,

the champion had been

refer to that as The Mouse-

RUGBY UNION Stephen Bachop kicked Samoa to a 27-20 win over Wanganui, a New Zealand provincial side, in their tour match yesterday. The teams scored three tries apiece but Bachop kicked three conversions and two

TOUR MATCH: (Wangami, MZ): Samoa 27, Wangami 20. Samoa: Tries Kale-ta, Harder, Adamson; Goals Bachop 3; Passaldes Bachop 2. Wangamit: Tries Hamlin, Hoper, Florence; Goal Florence; Pessalty Florence.

SPEEDWAY

Monica Seles in the French

Open has opened up the sug-

gestion that she may be vul-

When the smoke clears on the

battleground of the women's

usually the foliaged helmet of

Hingis which emerges. At 17.

she has the court craft of

someone with those digits re-

versed, though she will need

to sharpen her cunning if she

is to keep the likes of Venus

the line which was the clever-

est weapon yesterday, a fluffy

service easily the underbelly

of the package. The sight and

velocity of the delivery rifle

For those who have been

coming here for longer than

Hingis has been alive hers is

probably the game with the

greatest resonance. She can

play from the back, she can

volley, and the confectionery

of her game is a pleasant va-

riety. It could well be that

these attributes allow her to

compile the longest run in

the tournament. We could

will have to be improved

It was the backhand down

Williams at bay.

it Murder She Said could have scene at the moment it is

SWIMMING Rebecca Brown, the Australian world record holder, has announced

MÓNDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Preside League: Newcastle 53 Arena Essex 37.

world record holder, has announced her retirement at the age of 21. Brown was touted as a star in the making after she broke American Anita Nail's 200 metres breaststroke record as a 16-year-old schoolgirl in 1994. Brown's time of two minutes 24.76 seconds still stands as a world record but proved to be the high point in a career which failed to take off as expected. She was beaten by fellow Australian Samantha Riley at the 1994 Commonwealth Games in Canada, then missed out on a medal at the world championships in Rome that year. She has since failed to qualify for the Australian team for the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and also missed out on a place for this year's world championships in Perth. She decided to provide the place for this year's world championships in Perth. She world championships in Perth. She decided to retire after failing to make the Australian team for the

ATHLETICS The International Amateur Athletic Association has refused to ratify an 800 metres world indoor record set by Maria Mutola of Mozambique be oy mana mutoia or mozambique be-cause she ran out of her lane. Af-ter reviewing video evidence the IAAF-said they would not validate her run of one minute 56.36 seconds in Lièven, France, on 22 February. Fermin Cacho was a notable ab-sentee from the Spanish ream an-

The number of viewers who tuned into England's 2-1 defeat by Romania on Monday – the highest rating for a match shown on a single channel

has been struggling to regain his best form since injuring an arkie in a training accident last November. Reyes Estevez, who won the world cham-pionship bronze medal in Athens last year, takes Cacho's place.

when an elastic support was

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Milwaukee 3 Col-

orado 2.

NTERCEAGUE: Kansas City 3 Cincinnati
C Crusago White Sox 5 Pittsburgh 4: Cleveland 3 Chicago Cubs 1: Minnesota 5 Houston 3: 51 Courts 4 Detroit 1: Philadelphia
9 Boston 8 (10 innings): Florida 3 Tampa Boy 2 (12 innings): Toronto 14 Monreal 2: Battimore 7 New York Mess 2: New
York Yankees 6 Adanta 4: Artrona 6 Tenso
12 Oakland 8: San Diego 5 Seattle 3.

AOM TROPPHY (Monday): (Seaton Carew): Lancashire 158 (6 Vates 36: D M Cox 3-24) Durham 159 for 4 (J A Daiey 77no). Burham seen by 6 wildless. (Neamparet): (Samongan 242 for 5 (J D Shaw 8A, M J Powell S7no) Worresstershire 243-6 (V S Solanii 81). Worresstershire woo by 4 wildless. (Soli-Worldssters (Tub): Warwickshire 227 for 7

CRICKET

(M A Wagh 77) Northamptonshire 228 for 4
(TA Walton 72 no. A J Swam 78). Northampconshire [2 points] uson by 6 uricules.
(Bradford Park Assessing): Vorishire 191 (C
Wilte 80: M E Cassar 3-33) Derbyshire 195
for 8 (5 D Subbings 44: R K J Dawson 3-31)
Derbyshire uson by 2 wichels. (House): Surney 259 for 7 (R W Norsel 90. J A Knott 50)
Sussex 254 for 7 (A D Edwards 64. N R Taytor 70; Sarmy uson by 5 rains. (Southampton): Humoshire 220 for 9 (J S Lancy 65. D
A Kenway 57: N J Trainor 5-29) Gloucester
221 for 5 (N J Trainor 900. M J Cawdron
40no). Gloucester uson by 5 wickess.
ARON 11800-PH2 (Negturator) (Hone): Sus-BASEBALL 40no). Gloricister won by 5 wickets. #AON TROEPHY Nestanday) (Flower). Stus-sex 292 for 9 (RK Rao 92, CM Mole 51) Kent 185 for 7 (JB Hockey 51, SC Willis \$8]. Sussay, won by 107 mays, SECOND XI CHARLE-RONSHEP (Flyst day of four): (Hartlepool): Lancashire 249 for 9 (PR Sleep 66 not out, M Brown 59. NY Wood 48; JP Searle 5-74) y Durham.

Niki Aebersold, the Swiss rider

won the seventh stage of the Tour of Switzerland yesterday after launching his second successful at-tack of the day. Stefano Garzelli finished 44th, in a group 16 seconds behind Aebersold but retained his

> MORLD CUP: See page 31. RUGBY LEAGUE

SPEEDWAY ELITE LEAGUE: King's Lynn v Oxford (7.45): Wickerhampton v Belle Vue (7.30). OTHER SPORTS THES: All England Championships (W

double clear rounds in the samsung Nations Cup Series this year. GREAT SETTAIN SHOW JUMPING TEAM (Royal International Horse Show, Hids-stead, 8-12 July): 6 Billington, D Lampard, J Whitaker and M Whitaker.

recruit to Deroy Courty's foreign agion when he completed his move from Hamburg.

TRANSFERS: Stephen Hallday (forward) Hartlepool to Motherwell (£50,000); Holm Kraska (befender) Delmenhorsz (Ger) to Motherwell (free): Jan Michels (midfielder) Go Ahead Eagles

ers Leeds and Wigan also report five-figure averages.

AVERAGE SUPER LEAGUE ATTEN-DANCIES AT THE HALPMAY STAGE: Bradford 15,115 (15,163); Leeds 12,773 (11,005); Wilgan 10,364 (8,855); St. Helens 8,464 (8,823); Hutt 7,035 (6,268 in First Division); Carefederal 6,702 (5,003); Huddersfield 5,563 (3,723 in First Division); Helifax 5,748 (5,471; Sharffield 4,941 (3,946); Warrington 5,309 (5,404); Salford 5,162 (5,206); London 2,480 (5,125), (Lost year's figures in brackets).

FOOTBALL

Commonwealth Games starting in Malaysia in September.

sentee from the Spanish fram al-nounced yesterday to contest the European Cup this weekend in St Pe-tersburg. The 1992 Olympic 1,500 metres gold medallist and 1997 world championship silver medallist.

TODAY'S NUMBER

21.6m

during the last two decades and the thirdhighest total audience.

CRICKET

TODAY'S FIXTURES CRICKET

NATWEST TROPHY First round (One day, 10.30 unders stated): Chester: Creshire visses: Derby Bertyshire visses: Chester: Creshire visses: Derby Bertyshire visses: Chester: Creshire visses: Devon visses: Chester: Cantering and Sedfordshire: Stristok Gloucistershire visses: Aborthamptonshire: Canterbury at Varnbridgeshire: Old Trafford: Linicashire visses: Lacaster: Lecetistershire visses: Lacaster: Lecetistershire visses: Lord's: Middlesex visses: College Bay Minor Counts Wales of Nottinghamshire: Lakanhams Norfolk vinctinghamshire: Lakanhams Norfolk vinctishire: Chember Scotland viloreshire: Chember Scotland viloreshire: Chember Somerset vi Holkand; The Fester's Ovas: Surrey vi Buckinghamshire: Edgbastom Warvetishire virsind.

TOUR MATCH (day 1 of 3, 11.30) Fester's British Universities visual.

PIRST DIVISION: Demobury v Wakefield (7.45): Featherstone v Swinton (7.30); Hull Kr v Hunsler (7.30); Widnes v Reightley (7.30) TOUR MUTCH: N Costs Aboriginals v Barla GB (10.30am) (or Coffs Horbour)

RUGBY LEAGUE Widnes Vikings are giving a month's trial to John Fieldhouse, the former

Great Britain forward, who last played for the club 12 years ago, af-ter their failure to sign St Helens prop Andy Leathern on loan. First Division Widnes also missed out in recent at-tempts to sign Dave Whittle from Wigan Warriors and Andy Ireland from Huli Sharks. Martin Pearson, the Hallfax Blue Sox goal kicking stand-off, will miss at least a formight with the ankle injury sustained during Friday night's defeat at Leeds. However, he has been able to undertake some light training and the injury is not as bad as initially feared.

Super League crowds are set to increase for the third successive year. Attendances at the halfway stage of this season's campaign are averaging 7.427. compared to last year's mark of 6,939 and 6,571 in the insurant summer response of 1996. augural summer season of 1996. Reigning champions Bradford Bulls again lead the way with an average crowd of 15.115, while joint lead-ers Leeds and Wigan also report five-

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MEN'S SINGLES Holder: M Hingls (Swit) J NOVOTNA (Cz Rep) bt 5 Kleinova (Cz Rep) 6-2 6-2 M HINGIS (Swit) bt L Raymond (US) 7-5 6-3

V Ruano Pascual (Sp) bt A Glass (Ger) 6-1 6-7 6-3

Seeds in capitals SPORTING DIGEST overall lead of 1 minute 23 seconds. The race moves to littigen today for a time trial and finishes in the cap-

ital, Bern, tomorrow. TOUR OF SWITZERLAND Seventh stage (182.1 fam, from Brumann to Hattarill; ? N Aebesok South Post Streamen to Hattarill; ? N Aebesok South Post Swiss Ahr Inih 40sec. 2. R McEwen (Aus.) Radobank, +16sec. 3. E Zabel (Ser) Deutsche Telekom; 4. C Mergin (Fr) La Francaise De Jeux 5. D Rebellin (Li) Rolf. 6. C Gasperoni (It), Amore Vita; 7. M Fondriest (It) Cofidis; 3. D Moncoutle (Fr) Cofidis; 9. F Casagrande (R) Coffdis; 10. V Durna (Uit) Scrigne; 31 stanet Line. Oversiti, Stanetlings; 1.5 Garzetli (R) Mercarone 3. In 2 June 1. June; 5. Casagrande +1:39. G. Rebellin +2:53: 7. B. Ris (Den) Deutsche Telekom +3:19: 8. R Meier (Switt Coffdis +3:20: 9. A Shelfr (Kar) Asks +3:25: 10. P Lutterberger (Aut.) Radobank +3:26.

EQUESTRIANISM Di Lampard has been chosen to ride for the Great Britain Nations Cup team at next month's Royal international Horse Show at Hickstead. where she will join the Whitaker brothers and Geoff Billington. Lampard will ride Abbervail Dream, with whom she has twice jumped double clear rounds in the Samsung Nations Cun Series this wear.

Stefan Schnoor, the German de-fender, yesterday became the latest recruit to Derby County's foreign le-

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Caution grounds High-Rise plans

THE FLY-BILLS advertising a meeting of the Derby winners will need to be pulped in Dublin this morning, thanks to the unexpected decision yesterday George in good shape. by the connections of High-Rise to avoid a meeting with Dream Well in the Irish Derby at the Curragh on Sunday. Sheikh Obaid al Maktoum, High-Rise's owner, will not now need to find the IRE75,000 required to add his colt to the race, but it is followers of racing on both sides of the Irish Sea who will be the poorer for

his absence. Anthony Stroud, Sheikh Obaid's racing manager, said that it had been decided to give High-Rise more time to recover from the experience of winning the Derby at Epsom a little over two weeks ago. His next race will instead be the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot on 25 July, and it will be another year at least before the Curragh can stage a meeting between the English and French Derby winners for the first time since Commander In Chief beat Hernando in 1993.

"The horse is very well and

his trainer, said yesterday, "but the owner, Anthony and I have decided that if we give him a bit more time in between races we can go straight for the King

RICHARD EDMONDSON Nap: Shamanic (Epsom 9.05) NB: Silk St John (Salisbury 3.10)

"There is also the fact that it involved a £75,000 payment and the King George is free. We are looking at the King George and we will see after that but if we don't overdo it Dream Well last month, could now then hopefully we will reach only the identical posi-

	Irish Derby			
Horse	C	н		
City Honores (Seed by Succe (E)	11-8	<u>`84</u>	11-8	13-8
Dream Wes (P Bary Fr)	3-1	52	52	100-30
Saction (H Catal GE)	61	7-1	74	5-1
Sacatoga Springs (A P (781eri)	7-1	6-1	7-1	6-1
Suppliere Street (N Meade)	7-1	7-1	7-1	6-1
Risk Material (A P CB ten)	10-1	8-1	12-1	10-1
Campo Calino (COBres)	25-1	25-1	20-1	<u>75-1</u>
Televien (J Crot)	33-1	25-1	25-1	25-1
Desert Fox (A P C'Erren)	33-1	40-1	50-1	33-1
Make No Mintale (D Weld)	25-1	50-1	33-1	33-1
Sunday at the Currey's, Each-way e fair	the adults, pubbles 1, 2, 3	C Cost, H Wh	HLLate	fee. Titale

in good form," Luca Cumani, still have a horse in the au- tions in the Grand Prix de Paris at Longchamp. tumn as well."

The Irish Derby still promises to be a serious horse race, however, and in the regrettable absence of its winner, the Epsom form could not have a City Honours, who was overhauled by High-Rise when just a few strides away from giving Godolphin their most important victory to date. This will be the first serious examination of the Derby's merits, and it is a test which its French equivalent barely scraped through last weekend when Croco Rouge and Prolix, who finished third and fifth respectively behind

The official handicappers too have offered support to the Epsom Classic by rating Dream Well 2lb inferior to High-Rise, an assessment which did stronger representative than not impress Pascal Bary, Dream Well's trainer. Bary will not appreciate the opening betting on Sunday's race either, in

> his work and physical wellbeing since his victory at Chantilly. City Honours, who has himself been the subject of excited dispatches from the Newmarket gallops, is a 13-8 chance, with the eight remaining entries available at 7-1 and above. It is far from unusual, though, for form recorded on

which his colt is the 100-30 sec-

reportedly improved in both

Ensom's demanding switchback to unravel when tested on the galloping expanse of the Curragh. Sadian, Sunshine Street and Saratoga Springs. who finished seventh, fourth and 10th respectively behind High-Rise, are expected to mount a serious challenge this weekend, and all are offered at single-figure odds. Risk Material, an unexposed stable-mate of Saratoga Springs at Aidan



High-Rise in full flight with Olivier Peslier on their way to victory at Epsom

O'Brien's yard, is cautiously ing entries appear to stand no priced at 12-1 to give his train- more than an outside chance. er a second consecutive win in the race following his victory with Desert King. The remain-interest to John Murtagh, how-

The participation of Takarian, a 33-1 chance, is of considerable

ever The jockey rode Sunshine Street at Epsom, when the colt took no notice of his odds of 150-1 and led until two furlongs out, forced to take the ride and aban-

Takarian lines up on Sunday, however - the German Derby is an alternative - Murtagh will be

SALISBURY

HYPERION

3.40 Doomna 2.10 Almost Amber 4.10 Generosity 4.40 Hit The Spot 2.40 Marigilano 3.10 Yalta

GOING: Good.

STALLS: Straight course - far side: Ym 4f - stands side. DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

Right-hand course, mainly uphill and testing.

Gourse is 3m SW of oxy off A3094 Salistury station (London, Waterloo-Exster line).

3m Sis service to course. ADMISSSION: Members 213: Tattersalls 29; Course Enclosure 2450 (accompanied under-16s tree all enclosures). CAR PARK: Free.

LEADING TRAINERS: R Hannon - 36 winners from 309 runners gives a success ratio of 117%; J Dunlop 21 from 118 (178%); P Cole 14 from 91 (154%); I Balding 14 from 11 (12.6%).

LEADING JOCKEYS: L Dettorl 22 wins from 85 rides gives a success ratio of 25.9%; Pat Eddery 22 from 109 (20.2%); J Reid 20 from 155 (12.9%); T Spraise 5 from 157 (35%).

FANOURITIES: 159 wins in 478 races (35.4%).

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Long Island (visored), Azulino (4.40).

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Ì	121	N	EBF WEYHILL MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,50 added 2YO fillies 5f Penalty Value £3,539
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ì	1	4	ADDITION (14) (D Mort) PI Hodges 6 11,,,,
l	2	5	ALMOST AMBER (USA) (32) (Sneith Moternmed) J Gosden 8 11 L Deltori 19
ĺ	3	4	BAYONET (29) (Lichy Rothschild) R Johnson Houghton B 11 J Reld :
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ŀ	5		ICHEAN SECRET (Emotional Parenersho) M Tregoning 8 11
	6	U05	JESSINCA (16) (Lambourn Racing Outs) A P Jones 6 ft
	7	a	JUANITA (16) (Major & Mrs Kennard & Partners) P Walkeyn 8 ft R Cochrade 19
ı	8	00	KARAKUL (26) (Kennet House Pisho) M Fatherston-Godley 8 11 W R Salobum
ı	9		LITTLE CHAPEL (North Social Racing Outs) D Pirench Davis 8 11 M. Roberts
	10	5	LOCH FYNE (30) (D J Deer) W Mur 8 ft K Fellon
ı	П	G	MISS PINIEX (35) (Neutonere Partnersirio) D Elsworth & 11
	12		PATSY STONE (8 H Smoson) M Kette 8 H R HMs
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	14	5	ROEMOOR GIRL (33) (Jimm Reong) R Hannon 8 tf
	15	00	SISTER PATRICE (15) (In For The Crack) Mrs N Duffield 8 11
	15	5	SWELL BETTY (23) (Lady G Parley) R Harnon 8 Ti
ļ	17	-	TINA'S ROYALE (Wicklight Shuth Hartshill Shuth) H Carroy 8 ft
ŀ	18.		WHATTA MADAM IC F Sourowheels G L Moore 8 11

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Addition: Last of four but some signs of ability when recovering from a slow start behind Cappella over course and distance. Likely to do better in time.

Almost Amber: Looked a moderate 270000 buy when fading to be fifth of seven to Karissi on her debut in an ordinary Haydock maden but should improve. Well drawn Baryonet: Had subsequent winner Light Fingered behind when close fifth to By The Glass on her Lacesser debut. Looks a sharp sort but takes a big step up in grade Giffilione: 17000grs half-sister to the winning sprinters Aurigny and Tymeer by the speedy Timeless Times. Stable in good form yesterday lonian Secret: Mystiko half-sister to the very useful sprinter Northern Goddess. Cost 7500grs and could be one to note in the betting Jesekhas: Likely to struggle in this company after her well-beaten fifth to Top Order in an ordinary medicin at Warwick. Juanitis: Wet backed but boliad before the start and was always behind on her Warwick debut behind Top Order. Sharply bred and obviously capable of better Karalladt Signs of improvement when severith of 4 to She-Wolff under tender handing at Bash on her second start but would need a giant leap forward to figure here Little Chappel: 8000grs daughter of the sprinter College Chapel out of an unraced Darshean mane. Scalle not noted for early juvenile withness.

Libbe Chapper: Auturghs daughter of the spriver Coulege Chapper out of an unvaced bar-shearn man. Stokle not noted for early juvenile winners. Loch Fymer: Showed plenty of speed when fifth to Heaty Words on a decent contest on her Sandown debut. A sister to the sharp Lannox Lewis she is likely to go on littles Rhese: Unable to handle the fast ground and finished well tailed off on her Good-wood debut. Bred to need farther and looks a long-term prospect. Pathy Stones: First look by Jester out of the moderate Silp Anchor mare Third Dam. Prob-

ably best watched this time Price Of Passion: By no means diagnaced when seventh of eight, besten seven lengths, to Kastaway in a decent conditions contest at Windsor but will need improvement.

Reamoor Girt: Half sister to the fast Bradewin Breever. Little tack in numing but showed potential behind Unicamp on Nothingham debut and should improve a good deal. Slater Patrices: Failed to live up to the promise of her debut behind Franco Mino here when in midfield in Woore Less's race here. Tough task on that evidence Swell Betty: Appeared set for better things when shoth to better fancied stablemate Cheyerine Gold from allow start on her Windsor debut. Note Eddery booking That's Royalt By the fast Prince Sabo out of an Averof mare, Half-ester to the two-year-old that Arthron women Microsland Wild (drawn and worth a long in the hermon old sx-furiong winner Monterans. Well drawn and worth a look in the betting Whette Madam: Half-sister to her trainer's profits seven-furiong winner Chewit, by Whitwingham. Any market support could be significant
Winy Worry Now: Rispoogns College Chapel first foel of the Polish Precedent mare
Pretent. Stable numers usually better for an outing

VERDICT: John Gosden's youngsters often improve a good deal for their debut, and with a good draw, Almost Amber should be thereabouts, while Swell Betty is skely to step up on her promising Windsor showing. But there was something more postive about the effort of LOCH FYNE, who finalled close behind subsequent winner Lady Anghared.

2	40	MARTIN CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,000 added 1m Penalty Value £2,486
	502046	MR MAJICA (14) (C. J. Melcelle) B Meeter 498
	05-550	SHARP SHUFFLE (14) (D) (Mrs H F Prendergast) R Harron 5 9 8 R Hughes 4
	30-41	MARIGLIANO (USA) (5) IT R Phylo) K Morgan 5 9 7 R Cochrane 1
	242042	CAUDILLO (15) (D) (Stable Investments) Miss G Kelleway 5 9 5 Detect 8
	0	ERIC THE KING (23) (Mass J Rumbord) R Simpson 7 9 2 P P Morphy (3) 10
	-00640	FAMOUS (FR) (11) (D) (M.R. Pascall) J Bridger 5 9 1
	-10231	HALMANERROR (15) (C) (Caulifrents Racing) G McCourt 8 9 1 K Fallon 9
	014-00	STLVER LIMING (15) (C) (Lambourn Racing Out) A P Jones 491 T Sprate 6
	000-	NOBBY BEACH (307) (B Bull) W Mar 4 9 0
1	00	GIBBON BOY (21) (J Nevite) J Nevite 6 8 12 C Carrer (7) 14 B
		SOLVER HARROW (183) (M Patel) A Newcombe 5 8 12
,		AIGLE D'ILLYRIA (11) (A.J. Richards) K. Oummoham-Brown 4.6 10
i		SHANUKE (22) (R Howitt 5 Woodman 6 8 7 R Firench 11
i		LINGUISTIC DANCER (16) (G Paramaranko,M Elia) A Newcombe 3 8 4 . J Lawe 12
		AFTER DAMN (11) (One Over The Eight) Mrs P Dutfield 3 B 1N Polland (7) 13

~ 15 deciared -BETTING: 7-2 Nr Majica, 4-1 Halmanerror, 5-1 Merigliano. 6-1 Ceucijio, 6-1 Strarp Struffle, 12-1 Säver Harrow, Säver Lining, 14-1 others 1997 Cape Pigeon 12 6 12 D Hotand 7-1 (L G Cottrell) drawn (8) 15 ran

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Mr Majica: Every chance here on his close second to Therhea at Sandown in April but little spankle in recent outings. Best in at the weights on official figures. Sharp Shuffler Dual winner on tast ground last term and seemed on threshold of return to form at Sandown last month but has since d Mangillano: One-time determine the man was executed and efforters without or useful Musselburgh claimer last time. On the way back and likely to trouble the bast Caudillo: Ran up to her best when beaten a length and a half by Heirranerror or claiming handicap (7) here and will be pressed to reverse placangs on worse terms. ver seen with a chance when tenth of 12 to High Pre-

That in the season has been full on the same of the season of the season season when fourth to Habinan-error here less time. Step up in top should help but still plenty to do at the weights error here last time. Step up in trip should help but still plenty to do at the weights Halmanerror: Best form for some time when convincing winner of a seven-furiong claiming handicap here. Equally at home at this trip but not as well drawn this time. Silver Liming: Out of action for ten months following two bumper wins test term and no signs of a revival when in the nuck behind Halmanerror here a fortnight ago. Nobby Beacht: Bead only two of his 35 mate in three outrigs last season and has given little obvious cause for optimism, even at this lowel level Glibbon Boy; No sign of ability in either a Brighton seller or when last of ten to Pelace-gate Touch in a Warwick claimer less time. Silver Harmour: Placed in a seller and Libiospter claiming handicap last backend. Out-

Silver Harrow, Placed in a seller and Leicester deuring hardicap last backend. Outside chance at best and has five-month absence to overcome.

Aligie D'illyria: Last in two maxions before beating only two of her 11 invais in a poor
Lingfield medern. No obvious chance.

Sharruke: Yet to make the placings in ten outings. Thed over various distances.

Linguistic Danger: Slow starter in both her races and always struggling behind Vice.

Presidential in a weak Warwick claimer last time.

Alter Dawn: Close time in a Wolverhampton all-weather handicap in April but well besten in two low-grade contests since and little apparent chance.

VERDICT: A return to the form he showed when second to Therhea over a mile at Sendown in April should enable MR MAJICA to overcome a poor draw in the company. Pat Eddery sticks with him despite two below-par efforts. A low draw also threatens the continued revival of Marigliano but, with only moderate reals on his nexte. Hat-manerror might manage to find a good enough pitch to play a big role agen.

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3.10	CANNON added 1m	MEMORIAL Penalty Valu	HANDICAP ie £5,414	(CLASS C)
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4/25-0	TARSKI (18) (E Gadstien Mrs. M Fairburn) L. G. Cottell 4 9 12
0-1065	SLEEPLESS (13) Mrs A Scotney N Graham 499 L. Dettori 7
0-4310	THERHEA (51) (II) (R Guite C'Leus, M Cates) & R March 5 9 5 T Speake 5
610-23	YALTA (19) (D) (BF) (Lord Viensbock) FI Charles 5 8 5 Pat Edday 4 B
2341	HAWADETH (16) (D) (Hamatan Al Makesum) M. Regorang 3 95
01D121	SILK ST JOHN (16) (D) (C R S Partners) M Right 4 9 4
302612	BEN GUNN (21) (C) (D) (BF) (M Whate; P Wathyn 689
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BETTING: 11-4 Yalka, 7-2 Sälk St John, 4-1 Ben Gunn, 6-1 Hawadath, 7-1 Ster 14-1 Tartiki 1997: Cinema Paradiso 3 8 13 T Quant 6-1 (P Cde) drawn (1) 7 1911

FORM GUIDE

Tarakit: Lightly raced since Sendown maiden win for Henry Cecil in 1996. Cost new con-nections 46,000 greatest backend and showed the retains much of his ability on Haynecons equipper set constraints in the second and some the realist man to be about one dock responsance but looks plenty high enough in the verights. Sleepless: Early-season winner under weiter weiter as Leosster but disappointing in three recent stocks plenty of give in the ground. Therefore, Sandown winner following two good early-season efforts but question mark over fitness following seven -week absence since Kempton Jublee disappointment on the plant.

over intests trainwing seven - week auternation than temporal desemblers in Matter Consistent sont whose Haydook third it. Fersian Fayre was boosted by Refuse To Lose at Royal Ascot. Could take some pegging back from a good weights mark Hawadeth: Off the mark in a moderate Haydook made hot better effort when thad to Cesno Ceptive at Chester. Even so, has perify to at the weights Slik St John: In the form of his life with wins at Chepstow and Windoor but 4b higher than latest franciacip success and has piertly to do with Valta on Haydook running.

Ben Gum: Tricky customer but running well early end value for more than three-quar-ters of a length winning margin when beating Wild Sity at Newmarket. VERDICT: With Yalta Bioly to make a a strong pace this could be set up for the fast-finishing BEN GUNN, who appeals as mostly brazied his statile a showing signs of a revival and Valuer Switchin books the right man to explor his speed. Salk its John con-trues to progress but possibly not sufficient to reverse previous running with Yalfa, who was not indden to best advantage last time out at Haydottak.

3.40 MARGADALE STAKES (CLASS C) £7,750 added 3YO 7f

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~ 8 declared ~ BETTING: 9-4 Documa, 11-4 Spindrift, 3-1 Timbervati, 8-1 Mr Catall, Pure Gold, 10-1 Sothrus, nd Wind 33.1 Yournal la Second Wind, 33-1 Young-Un 1997 Snow Kid 9 0 Pat Eddery 5-2 ji fav (O Loder) Crawn 5) 7 far

FORM GUIDE Softmust Won over this trip at San San last September. Faces stiff task at the weights and appears to be the stable's second string to Spindarft.

Mr Catalitis Found wenting in the Aconto Stakes work by Saratoga Springs at York effer an impressive debut win at Varmouth. First run here for ten months.

Spindarft Duly justified devounteen at Newmarket after his excellent debut second to Fa-Eq (2nd in kish 2000) on seme course. Form from both races working out well and before the property as property as property.

Second Wind: Newmarket debut wriner early last season and in need of the run on his belated reappearance behind Green Card at Nortingham Young-Un: Well begren on both starts and hard to fancy
Pure Gold: Fully stretched under a strong Par Eddery ride to make a winning debut

Prime Good: Pully stretched under a strong har cooley has to have a wiring debut at Sandown. Has more on her plate this time. Timbervalt: Confirmed juvenile promise (second to the cold ulia) with a clear-out success over this tim at Yarmouth. A smart filly with a leading chance Dommise: Trained by Ed Dunlop when a cracking second to Midnight Line at Goodwood on debut. This tull-sister to Kahal is the one to beat getting all the allowances.

VERDICT: DOOMNA has winner written all over her at these weights despite the return from a lengthy absence. She is now with the Godolphin set-up and her ful-brother Kahal is a Group 2 winner over this trip. Splindriff could just be at a disad-vantage over this shorter trip, and the main threat to Doomra is Henry Cools Timbervatt.

who has looked very pacey on her two starts

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4.1	0	GIBBS MEW BIBURY CUP HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 added 3YO 1m 4f Penalty Value £7,263
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	233	OFINE JE (25) (Ps. K Opie) P Chaptie Hyan 9 4
-5		SHESGARIZAR (13) (A Sofronco) R Hasmon S 10 R Haghes 5 EASTWELL HALL (21) (Eastwall Manor Racing) R Curits 8 10 July 1

BETTING: 3-1 Lucrezia. 7-2 Generosity, 4-1 Osmelle, 5-1 Eastwell Hall, 6-1 Ster Rapresatch 9 7 Pet Ediciery 2-1 tay (J Dunlop) drawn (4) 9 ran

FORM GUIDE

Generasity: Held up for late run when whitting at Sandown (Sherganzar sixth) and subsequent Goodwood thard boosted by the winner Double Classic at Playat Ascot subsequent Goodwood third boosted by the winter Double Classic at Polya Nacon Indian Mitselfie: Won a little race for John Dunlop last season and trying a longer trip today after the latest second to Anak-Nu on this course.

Omnelie: Fith at Newbury on debut and won weak maiden at Ayr. (Im 2h) from Milling. Up in trip and his form doesn't look good enough for this Yearship Won a moderate maiden at Bash prior to her handicap debut third to Everang World at Lingfield (Im 2h). Faces a tough task in a seemingly better race lustraises albebut second here to Sharers and best newcomer Bourtaious five lengths over today's trip at Chepsilow Lifety to do well in handicaps.

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over today's trip at Chepistow. Lifely to do well in handrages.
Sherganzar: Makien who han to form when second to Classic Impact at Newbury
(Im 4), Meets Generois'y 7th better for the three length beating at Sandown
Eastwell Hall: Landed hat-Irick in weakish races and best effort less time to split Dou-ble Classic (Ascot winner next time) and Generosity (2to better) at Goodwood

VERDICT: The form book says it will be close between Eastwell Hell and Generally on their showings behind the progressive Double Classic (won the King George V Handicap at Ascot last week) at Goodwood. The Double Classic stable is represented by LUCRIEZIA, who was always going to be a stayer being out of a Troy mare. Sure to improve further, she could just be in this handicap a tew pounds light.

F	4 40	SHREWTON RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKE
Į	4.4U	SHREWTON RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKE (CLASS F) £3,000 added 3YO 7! Penalty Value £2,40
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3	800	NORMAN ARCHER (25) (Mrs M Watts/Miss R Hatley) V Scare 9 0 K Hopkins (7) 1
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- 5	99.60	AZULUND (33) (K Y Lm) J Hills 8 11
ě	0.00	CELEGRATION (95) (The Queen) Bailing & 11
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ğ	6-005	PRECISION FINISH (16) (Atm Sparge Ltd) J Culman 8 11K Fellon
10	1 150,050	PRIDE OF MY HEART (23) (N Harris) Bailding 8 11
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11	<i>005-5</i> 0	SPREE ROSE (132) (D Boss) K Curringham-Brown 8 11

BETTING: 3-1 Nit The Spot, 4-1 Hever Golf Machine, 7-1 Feor-Off, 8-1 Calebration, Long Island, Prids Of My Heart, 10-1 Azulino, Pricision Fusik, Spree Rose, 14-1 others 1997 Duicnes 8 7t D Harrison 5-1 (I Balting) drawn (7) 10 ran

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Long Island: Creditable fourth to Acid Test at Ungiteld last Saturday (7) and now tried in a visor with the same apprentice about Norman Archer: Has a glimmer of ability and worth noting for a low-key handicap Apple Sauce: Changed stables since being listiated behind Raise A King at Sandown Azellaro: Twice well beaten with an apprentice this season and now tried in binkers with Robard Hills booked so a possible improver Celebration: Ren in a stronger race at Goodwood test time after showing up well from a bad draw at Kampton (fm). Has scope and stable won the 12 months ago Face-Off: Showed ability over this trip last season, and distance (8) too straip or respicerance four weeks ago. Has obserts with her stable being in decent form Hit The Spots Short of room at Newtony and Nottingham prior to finishing second to the well handicapped Pags The Rest at Room (m) last week.

Precision Finish: Badly drewn in Windsor handicap (6) last time and looks ladeing Pride Of My Heart: All runs this season have been in ten-terlong handicaps. She is a strong pulier so this trip could help her.

user so this trip could help her se: Moderate on the all-weather and no obvious chance following a rest

VERDICT: The booking of Frankie Detton for HR The Spot is an obvious pointer but the filly has still been despromiting. Face-Off and Azulino are others with a chance, but CELEBRATION is the one to side with after contesting a better race than this at Goodwood. The Queen's filly also shaped better than her finishing position suggests at Kempton earlier.

LINGFIELD

FIRST SHOW

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Suetach	14-1	10-1	14-1	21	14-1
High Premium	14-1	14-1	15-1	14-1	14-1
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RESULTS

2.30: (tm2f maiden filles states)
1. PASSIONATE PURSUITM Roberts

To real, 3.5° Sales veeds to the first of the first of the first of Love out of Flambera, trained by S Dow at Epoom for Mrs A M Upadell. Total: \$120, \$230, Dusl Forecast \$28.30, CSF: £5305, Tho: £17300.

12 ram. 11/L, 1/L, Ind. 1/L 1/L (winner brown cold by Dillum out of Sharp Silk, trained by R Han-non at East Everteigh for J B R Leisure Lts). Tota: £13.50; £2.50, £5.00, £1.50. DF: £90.90 CSF: £15109. Trio: £312.20 3.30: (6f 3yo handicap)

1. ZEPPO _____A McCartiny 12-1 2. Easter Ogli ____Pat Eddery 9-2 3. Madame Jories ____J Stack 5-2 lav Also ran: 5-1 Mujos Magic (4th), 9-1 Car-bon, 10-1 Kathas Pet, 12-1 Gong Places, 14-1 Premier Baron, 18-1 Arry Martin (8th), 16-1 Waffa Folfy, 20-1 Legal Lark (6th). 11 ran, shi-hd, hd, nk. 2, 3, (winner chest-nut gelding by Fayruz out of Chese Peper Chese trained by 8 R Milmen at Culomp-ten for The Phytom Syndicate), 10st: £130. £290, £200, £140, OF: £4080, GSF: £6125 Tricast: £170.22. Trig: £48.40. NFI: Oh Hebe.

4.00 (fm classified states)
1. SEA SPOUSE...... Date Gibson 13-2 2. Beneford F Lynch 8-1 3. Hr Nevermind S Whiterorth 10-11 (av) Also ram: 5-1 Mister Tricky (4th), 10-1 Kafti (6th), 12-1 Questan, 20-1 Drive Assured (5th), 33-1 Barossa Valley. 8 ren., 11/4, 3, 31/r, 11/s, 11/s. (winner chasnut

gelding by Jaimood out of Bambolona, trained by M Blanshard at Upper Lambourn for Seven Seas Faurig). Total win 6550; \$120, \$1,70, \$150, OF: \$4010, CSF: \$53,32 4.30 (3yo files handicap) 1. SLIPPER R Ffranch 9-1 2. In The Sun Pat Eddery 9-2 geine (6th), 14-1 Wild Cenary (4th), 20-1 La Lyonesse (5th). Tran. 1, 11/k, 1/4. (winner bay filly by Susve Denser out of Horseshoe Reef, trained by L. Current for Lord Healthay, Total \$\$40; \$240, \$240, OF: \$1240, CSF, \$45,97.

Jackpot: Not wor. Pool of \$10,89429 car-ried forward to Carisle today. Place 8: £290,78 Place 5: £133,50.

BEVERLEY

2.15: 1. THRUE GREEN LEAVES (J Fanning) 5-4 tav; 2. Scimo Heights 5-2; 3. Amisted 9-1 9 mm. 6. 1%, (M Johnston), Tota: 12-20; 1:20 EVA: 12:20 Dual Forgost E200 CST E480. Tiro: £800. Non Runner: En Greeke 2.45: 1. GOLDEN THUNDERBOLT (Dear McKeown) 7-2; 2. Noulcarl 7-1; 3. Tylkeyvor 8-11 lax 8 ran. 1/4. (N Tinkler). Tota: C380; \$110, \$260, DF: \$1050, CSF: \$2306. 3.15: 1.FANTAIL (DBggs) 12-8 lav; 2. 9and-beggedagein 6-1; 3. Winsome George 5-2. 4 ran. 3½, 3. (M Tompkins). Tota: £2.90. DF: £6:10. CSF: £10:00

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3.45: 1. ROBORANT ((Falon) 3-1; 2. Raed
11-2; 3. Tommerre B-1 9 ram, 6-4 fav Loyal
Tosas (5th). Ns, 11/h. (J Durlop), Totes 5.40;
5.13, 0.150, 0.200. DF: \$10.00. CSF: £18.25.
Tricast: £88.96. Tho: \$12.90. MR: He Distinct. 4.15: 1. HARMONY (L. Defton) 11-8 faz; 2. Bolshoi Star 16-1; 3. Forest Dream 6-1 7 ran. 6. 1½ (L. Curren) Tote: £2.40; £150. £3.60. DF: £28.20. CSF: £2145. 4.45: 1. DISTANT KING (P Goode) 7-1: 2. Sealed By Pate 16-1; 3. Hayburner 3-1 fav. 13 ran. Nr. 5. (G Kely). Tota: \$5.60; \$2.00. \$8.10, \$1.50. DF: \$108.00, CSF: \$108.52, Tric-

ast: £379.23. Tno: £186.30, Mystical Rodge (20-1) was withdrawn not under orders; Rule 4 does not apply. 5.15: 1. CATCH ME (L. Charnock) 3-1 Jt fav. 2. Swiss Toni 12-1; 3. Way Back 8-1 10 nm. 3-1 jt fav Fenetta (4th), 1,3%. († Easterby). Tote: C500; C130, E610, C270, DF; C5560 CSF: £43.99 Tng: £178.70

Placepot: £150.70. Quadpot: £2640. Place 6: £8818. Place 5: £66.52. MA trainer yesterday ended an 11-

year wait to train his first winner. After he had saddled Distant King to win the Hull Business School Apprentices' Maiden Handican at Beverley, 66-year-old Gerry Kelly said: "You could say I'm quite happy now." The 7-1 chance was ridden by Paul Goode, Kelly began riding in 1948 and had 33 jumping winners but had waited until the age of 53 to ride his first and only Flat winner, Always Native, at Ayr in 1985. Since taking out a training licence in 1987, Kelly did saddle a jumping winner when Referral Fee obliged at Catterick. "I've only ever had a handful of horses to train and at the start of most seasons I've wondered whether it's worth carrying on - but I always have," he said.

Tused to go six, seven, eight and

11 years waiting for a winner as

a rider so I suppose it didn't bother me having to wait for so long."

CARLISLE

HYPERION

2.00 Guines Hunter 2.30 Winter Scout 3.00 Rymer's Rascal 3.30 Bowcliffe 4.00 Charlles Bride 4.30 Such Boldness 5.00 Summerhill Special

GORRG: Good, STALLS: Int 41 - cutside, remainder - inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High from 3t to 7t.

Programmer is on southern outsions of form, 4m W of junction 42 of MG.

Cartiste station 2m. ADMISSION: Club \$12 (OAPs & under 21s £9); Tatteralls £7 (OAPs & under 21s £9); Tatteralls £7 (OAPs & under 21s £9); Tatteralls £7 (OAPs & under 21s £4). CAR PARK: On rate £3, rest free.

LEADING THAINERS: Mrs. M. Reveloy 15-63 (254%), M. Chamnon 15-82 (465%), J. Berry 14-106 (132%), M. Johnston 13-68 (131%), J. Weever 11-70 (15.7%), J. Cerroll 11-173 (9.7%).

PROUNTIES: 104-300 (347%).

BLANGRED PREST TIME: See Fig MOD, Charter & Seelice Warrior (430).

BUNKERED FIRST TIME: See Fig #400, Charter & Swellow Warner #430. 2.00 CROWTHER HOMES MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2YO 6f

Elsie Bandord, 12-1 Golden Reef, 14-1 Espado, 16-1 others FORM VERDICT

ers of trends will want to be on BEMUSE, a half-sister to the

Solario runnet-up Falkenham and from a stable that has taken this

prize with a newcomer in the last two seasons. She will have to be above average to beat Guinea Hunter, who shaped so wall when backward at York this month and clear pick of those with previous

2	.30	BBC RADIO CUMBRIA SELLING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,000 added 6f		
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5	300000	SMART CUEST (6) (0) J Parize 6 9 5		
6	060-30	WINTER SCOUT (32) (CD) R Fahey 1095 R Winston (5) 9 B		
7	-20100	BARRELBIO (19) J.J. O'Neil 38 12		
б		OUZ MASTER (4) E Weymes 3 6 12		
8		SANDSIDE (8) J Berry 3 8 12		
10	00	SPICE BOY (9) R Whiteley 3.8 E Y Haliday 7		
#		TOM TUN (18) Mes J Craze 3 8 12		
		- 11 declared -		
BĘ	BETTING: 5-2 Quiz Muster, 5-1 Nervous Res. 6-1 Berretolo, Sendalde, 7-1 Birch-			

wood Bun, 8-1 C-Harty, Winter Scout, 14-1 others FÖRM VERDICT Several capable performers in this grade, including last year's win

net Nervous Flax, who should make a bold bid to repeat the dose. Winter Scout goes well here and has claims it longwer a Doncaster flop, while Outz Master must be a major player at this level, but preference is to BIRCHWOOD SUN, who looked on the way back.

3.00 EDMUNDSON ELECTRICAL HANDICAP (CLASS D) 25,000 added 7f (CLASS D) £5,000 added 7f

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November 1966: 75: 10th. True handicap weight: Oricle 7st 9th.
BETTING: 5-1 Nominator Lad. 7-1 Rokts, Rymor's Rescal, Flying Permani, 8-1
Erupt, Muzphy's Gold, 10-1 Don Pepe, Euro Sceptic, Oricle, 14-1 others FORM VERDICT

It will be interesting to see it there is any market confidence in Don Pepe, who is better in their when successful less term and gave sign of a return to form lest time. RYMER'S RASCAL, whose tourth to subsequent whene Ochtos Noe showed he too is on the way back, has now been dropped to the mark from which he won at York in September when Noministor Lad was one of his victims.

3.30 CROWTHER HOMES CARLISLE BELL HANDICAP (D) £10,000 added 1m

FORM YERDICT

Victory for Pride Of Pandle. Band On The Run or, to a leaser mount, Knew's Ash would not be much of a surprise off that current marks. Of that tho, Pride Of Pandle is preferred, but LUCKY ARCHER a another who could be well treated, and that is despite clear-out vic-tories on hat lest two starts. He looks sure to give a good account of himself, and Thatched should be in the shoke-up as well.

4.00 C G TRUCK HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,000 added 3YO 6f 4-DUR ELRO VENTURE (25) (D) O Michalls 9.7 Alant, Grasses 15
4-DUR ELRO VENTURE (25) (D) O Michalls 9.7 Alant, Grasses 15
30-60 MISTY MOOR (36) M. Johnston 9.3 D. Holland 18
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A tricky race. The ones to concentrate on are Wishbone Alley and Bollin Ann, who were second and that over course and distance earlier in the month, Henry The Proud and TANCRED TIMES who figured in the amateurs' contest at Thirds eight days ago. The selection showed good early pace to be first home on the far side at Thirds and is well treated on her 1997 form. 4.30 KLOCKNER MOELLER MAIDEN HANDICAP (F) £3,000 added 2m 1f 52yds

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A terustive vote goes to YOUNG DALESMAN, who stays well and has not run bacly this season. LAST LAP has gone close off this mark and will be a major threat if she stays the trip, while the proven stayer Thanks Keith, the unexposed Such Boltmess and Pertemps Mission are the others worth consideration.

5.00 CROWTHER BURGH BARONY STAKES (AM-ATEURS) (E) \$3,750 1m 4f ATEURS) (E) 13,7 SU 1117 GT

GARROON (S) Y Thompson 4 # 2 ______ Mr M Thompson 7

SS021 POLAR CHAILF (S) (D) S Woods 5 # 2 ____ Mr K Sandana (S) B V

WESTIANSTER (14) (D) M Tompson 6 # 2 ____ Mr K Sandana (S) B V

BRAMERES WAY (15) Ms M Reveloy 8 # 0 ____ Mr M Landana (S) 3 V

ROSS SEARCH SULMICHAM (14) D Smith 8 # 0 ____ Mr M E Landan (S) 2 V

SANDER PULL SPECIAL (S) (D) D Sarber 7 TO G Lifes E Paravidina 4

30040 DAIRA (21) (D) B Elson 5 to 1 _____ Mr C Williams (S) 1

1-044 ADESTE FIDELES (13) (D) M Ball 3 9 TS _____ Mr R Lailbon (S) 5

GETTING: 9-4 Polar Chemp. 7-2 George Diffingham, 4-1 Summerbil Special, 5 1 Adeste Fideles, 6-1 Westminster, 14-1 others FORM VERDICT

Five of the seven numers are rated closely and the value may lie with WESTMINSTER who would not want it soft but ran well when conditions suited earlier in the season and has plenty of torm for an inexperienced inder

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WARWICK

ATPERION
2.20 Mad Militant 2.50 Mustique Dream 3.20
Spring Pursuit (nb) 3.50 Antonia's Choice 4.20
Slip The Net 4.50 Tokay GOING: Good to Soft. STALLS: Inside DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

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Laft-hand course.

Course is W of city on B4095. Stations at Warwick (Im) and Learnington Spa (2m) ADMISSION: Cub 103, Statersals 19 (card-carrying students half-price, accompanied under-16s free): Course 65. CAR PARK: 55 in members; centre of course free: LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNIERS: J Berry 11-22 (177%). Protein 11-70 (157%), M Pipe 10-38 (263%), S Meehan 9-75 (22%). ELEADING JOCKEYS: D Harrison 11-58 (172%), G Carter 10-81 (123%), P Roblinson 8-22 (19%), S Drowne 8-33 (88%).

FANCIERS: 146-447 (227%).

BLINKERED FRST TIME: Jave Shrine (220), Spring Pursuit (220), Stip The Net (420), Wanstead (450), Solo Spirit (viscred, 350).

2.20 GAVESTON SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £2,500 added 1m 2f 169yds

BETTING: 9-4 Brighstons, 3-1 Prying Eggle, 9-2 Mad Militarit, 5-1 Kom-reyev Dancer, 7-1 Harokdon, 14-1 Java Strine, 25-1 others

FORM VERDICT Brighstone may again find one too good in KOMREYEV DANCER, who is rated 5to better than the Pipe horse in current handleaps and may be better suited by today's trip. Komreyev Dancer has been disappointing since his fifth at Doncaster in March, but he has run in a couple of fair handicaps in the meantime and this drop in class gues him a chance.

2.50 UGLY BRIDGE HANDICAP (CLASS D) 25,000 added 1m

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3-200 CUESN'S PASSANT (S3) J Spearing 49 m. ... N Rhomas 9
22-00 MUSTICLE DREAM (16) (D) R Cherkon 3 9 5 ... G Carter 8
0-600 ROBINI (22) W Musson 4 8 2 S Whitworth 6
1-5048 TWIN CREENS (27) (C) (D) (BF) V Scane 7 8 1 ... B Rggs 5
1 0000 GODMERSHAM PARK (8) (D) P Feligale 6 8 13 ... G Parka 2
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3 20032 INCLINATION (8) (D) M Bershard 4 8 4 ... Date Gibeon 4
9 000-00 CHASSTOWN FLYER (25) M Berry 4 8 3 ... P Bradley (7) TO
0 0000 SISMA (GER) (245) MSS K George 3 8 2 ... P Doe (5) 7
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FORM VERDICT Mustique Dream, May Queen Megan and ADMIRALS FLAME all bid to follow up recent wins, and the last-named is tended to succeed. He has been in the doldrums for a time, with the result that his rating had dropped from a winning mank of 74 in 1996 to 55 when he won at Windsor last week. He was a very smooth winner there, and can defy his penelty.

3.20 RAYNSFORD NOVICE AUCTION STAKES (E) £3,750 added 2YO 7f BATHWICK B Smart 8 2 J Stack 4
LORD ROCKESTER 8 R Milman 8 12 A Day (3) 5
GYRSY (18) M Tompkins 8 9 D Biggs 6
MICE IDEAS (11) S Mellor 8 9 A MicCione 2

FORM VERDICT

All Fehda is the pick on form and should evenge her course defeat by Spring Pursuit. Preference is for TICKLISH who shoped with plenty of promise at Salbury and its favoured by the race conditions. Susan's Desery enjoyed cut underfoot at Pontefract and is expected to run well.

3.50 GREENACRES FILLIES HANDICAP (CLASS E) \$3,750 added 5f

50-005 ANTONIA'S CHOICE (6) (D) J Berry 480... P Bradley (7) 8

6000 SUNSET HARBOUR (14) (D) (BF) S Kettered 5 8 5.

FORM VERDICT A trappy contest in which Runs in The Family, Antonia's Choice and Sharp Hint at make appeal. But it could pay to take a chance on the visored SOLO SPIRIT, who has been dropping steadly down the weights and who showed up well to the furlong mark over 6! at Goodwood last time.

4.20 SYD MERCER MEMORIAL HANDICAP (D) £5,000 added 1m 7f

FORM VERNICT Unchanged should run another good race, while Utitimete Smoothle is bound to be in the shake-up, but the vote goes to GOLDEN HADEER, who won over course and distance is monthe ago and signalised a return to form at Soutiwell

4.50 BLACKBRAKE PLANTATION MAIDEN HANDICAP (F) \$3,000 1m 4f 115yds

FORM VERDICT

A drab affair can go to HERBSHAN DANCER who showed dramatically improved form when second to Pelay, who has run well subsequently, at Salisbury seriler this month. Assuming he can repeat that level he can master the workuly one-pecal Tolony, it there is to be a surprise lurking from the lightly-raced costs. Combined with the side ways by models. sorts. Catchment could be the one to provide it.

CHESTER

6.45 Break The Rules 7.15 Sharera 7.45 Superior Premium 8.15 Colonel Sam 8.45 Extravaganza 9.15 Krisamba

GOING: Good to Soft. STALLS: Inside, except fm 2f (stands side). DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low best up to fm.

Leff-hand, tight course. Not suitable for long-sinding horses.

Course is on A548.Station fm. ADMRSSION: County Enclosure 155; Tatressis 52; Dee Stand 24; Course 22: CAR PARK: 21.

LEADING TRAINERS; B Hills: 15-77 (195%), A Belley 15-135 (111%), J Berry 14-125 (112%), B McMahon 11-84 (172%).

LEADING JOCKEYS: K Darley 17-92 (185%), M Hills: 11-78 (141%), D Holland 8-43 (186%), J F Egan 7-64 (109%).

FAVOURITES: 138-845 (40%).

LONG DISTANCE TRAVELLER: miles.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: None.

RUNKERED FIRST TIME: None. 6.45 YELLOW LABEL CLAIMING STAKES (D) £5,000 edded 1m 2f 75yds 2 00060 WENTEREDGE LAD (19) (C D BF) W Brisbourne 893...

- 8 deciared -BETTING: 15-8 Break The Rules, 7-2 Big Wheel, 5-1 Pas De Memokras, I Can't Remember, 8-1 Wentbridge Lad, 10-1 Swan latend, 12-1 others

FORM VERDICT

Breek The Rules, who has a fine record here, has a good drance of winning this event for the second year in succession, but it might be worth taking a chance with the ex-French BIG WHEEL, who trotted up in similar company at Sent-Cloud last time, and now makes his debut for Martin Pipe.

7.15 LA GRANDE DAME ROSE FILLIES HANDICAP (D) 25,000 1m 4f 66yds

FORM VERDICT

SHARERA has enough weight on what she has achieved and makes limited appeal as a betting proposition at prob-able odds. Her Salisbury win has been franked since and tur-ther progress is very Bish). Mono Lady is the danger on last month's good run at Newbury.

7.45 LE PRIX DE LA GRANDE DAME RATED HANDICAP (B) £15,000 added 6 | 1 -02003 SUPERIOR PREMIUM (S) R Parkey 4 9 7 ... R Winston (S) 2 2 00306 THE GAY FOX (12) (C) B Lédwicton 4 9 6 ... L Newton 5 3 -0050 ASTRACE (S) (D) D RICHOIS 7 9 4 ... Alex Greeves 10 4 654037 NOMORIE MR MICEGUY (21) (C) E ASTON 4 9 3 ... K Derkey 1 5 202200 ZEGGY'S DANCER (28) (C) (D) E ASTON 7 9 0 S D Williams 4 6 0.0500 ALBERT THE BEAR (27) (C) J Denry 5 8 2 ... C Lowther 7 8 7 -04011 Five OF SPADES (21) (D) R Parkey 3 8 11 ... M Hills 9 8 -03288 TLER (26) (D) (SF) M Johnston 6 8 7 ... J F Egan 8 Y 10 060625 NAPOLEON STAR (2) (D) MSS J Crozzo 7 8 7 ... A Mackey 5 V 10 060625 NAPOLEON STAR (2) (D) MSS J Crozzo 7 8 7 ... A Mackey 5 V 11 GEOST SAPOLEON STAR (2) (D) MSS J Crozzo 7 8 7 ... A Mackey 5 V 11 declared -11 de

This revolves around SUPERIOR PREMUIM, who will sure-

reason not to expect a comparable level of performance from the selection.

EXTRAVAGANZA P Colo 9 0 5060-0 TINDAXIA (7) P Evens 9 0. FAIRY TREE (USA) M JOHNSION 8 9 202200 RUBY BEAR (19) W Brisbourre 8 9

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by win with something to spare if running to the same level as when an excellent third (off a 2b higher mark) in last week's Wokingham. Any further rain will suit, the one doubt is that his only previous run around a bend, at Epsom, yielded just a fair run. Albert The Bear, who generally goes well on this track, is an each-way alternative for those wishing to take on

Į	<u>8.15</u>	added 2YO 5f
1	1342	BON AME (6) (0) J Berry 9 0
2	303	PAULA'S JOY (B) (D) M Cherron 8 13
3	1631	SNAP CRACKER (11) (D) M Quinn 8 13F Norton 8
4	35	COLONEL SAM (29) (BF) J Gloss 8 12
5	3	UPPER CHAMBER (13) J. Pizgerati 8 12
8	6032	DILETTO (21) E Alston 87
7	32	ENTROPY (16) R Harmon 87
8	603	RISKY EXPERIENCE (21) P Evens 87 F Egan 7
ě		THE RAIN LADY R Holinshead B 7
_		6 declared

FORM VERDICT

PAULA'S JOY is the form pick here and, though Entropy is a potent-looking threat, may be able to land a second wist. That lest-time-out third to the useful Kastaway reads well this level and tonight's conditions are similar, so there is no

8.45 PONSARDIN MAIDEN STAKES (D) £5,000 added 3YO 1m 5f 89yds

008 SHARP SARAH (34) B Hile 89.

BETTING: 15-8 Extravagenza, 9-4 Fairy Tree, 7-2 Sharp Serah, 8-1 Ruby FORM VERDICT

The two newcomers look the two to concentrate on here, with Sharp Sarah running so moderately last time and the other two to have raced making next to no appeal EXTRAVAGANZA has a more appealing pedigree for middle-distances than Fairy Tree and the fact that some of his religious won on their racecourse debuts for Paul Cole august well.

9.15 RICH RESERVE HANDICAP (CLASS D) 25,000 added 3YO 7f

1 0-0002 HUN(TSWOOD (12) (C) R Harnon 87... 2 5-223 KRISANBA (11) B Medren 95...... His 7

Minimum weight: 7st 10tb. True handicap weight: 7sofmicien 7st BETTING: 9-2. Humiswood, 6-1 Desert Mirage, 7-1 Krisambe tion Jo, 8-1 Third Cousin, Plarpoint, Lindesberg, 10-1 others A trappy finals, but one in which the well-drawn THIRD COUSIN should go well. He had excuses last time and his previous good effort would make him hard to beet here. Re Resputth is one of several serious threats.

HYPERION 6.35 Brown's Flight 7.05 Quintus 7.35 Phantom Waters 8.05 Knobbleeneeze 8.35 Star Manager 9.05 Shamanic

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STALUS: 6! - outside, imril - centra, remainder - incide.
DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 5t; low for 5t to 7t.

© Left-hand course, sharp and undulating. The straight 5t course is the fastest in the country.

© Course is 5 of town - 15m from the centre of London. Three rativary stations serve the course. Expend (retains from Victoria and Waterloo) and the nearer Expend Downs (Victoria) and Tasterham Comer (Charing Cross and Victoria). ADMISSION: Cuest's Stard 5til (7th 21-year-olds 5t/2); Grandstand 2to) Lonsdale Enclosure 55 (accompanied under 7th free all enclosures).

CAR PARIC Free parking aveilible.

© LEADING TRAINERS: R Harmon t2-115 (102%), J Oundop 10-40 (20%), M Johnston 9-39 (231%), Lond Husbingdon 8-24 (333-3%).

escott stable in good form DREAMING, who was salve on her debut, will be hard to beat. The extra very impressive on her debut, will be here to be a live information will pase no problems and, white not thought to be quite as good as the stable's No Warring, she looks a highly promising juvenile. Thank Haswens can chase her home.

7.05 BT ALEX BROWN MAIDEN STAKES (D) 25,000 added 3YO 1m 2f

FORM VERDICT All three of the main contenders seem to lack a change of geer and, as a result, jockey tactics will play a major part in the outcome CVINTUS has probably shown the most and he is marginally preferred to both Classic Manoeuvre and leatent State.

7.35 DAILY MAIL/NABS HANDICAP (CLASS D) £6,000 added 1m 4f

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6.35 EBF NOVICE STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2YO 7f

BROWN'S FLIGHT (12) S Dow B 7 - 6 declared -BETTING: 11-8 Dresming, 9-2 Thank Heavens, Redouble, 11-2 Brown's Flight, 7-1 Light Fingered, 14-1 Manzoeti.

FORM VERDICT

- 8 declared -BETTING: 7-4 Island Story, 2-1 Classic Manoeuvra, 9-4 Quintus, 20-1 Inch Perfect, Manoe France, 25-1 Cosmic Girl.

8.05 SCOTTISH EQUITABLE/JAGB HAND-ICAP (CLASS D) £6,000 added 71

FORM VERDICT

PHANTOM WATERS may have been feeling the effects of her Chepstow win sur days earlier when slightly disappoint-ing on firm ground at Laicastar next time but, having had three weeks off, she is taken to confirm the good impression she had previously made. Two Socias should go well but the other last-time-out winner Joli Physics is likely to find the ground statements where the same statements.

- 11 declared -Minamum weight: 7st 10th. True handcop weight: Croft Sands 7st 7fb. BETTING: 4-1 Pericles, 5-1 Knobbleoneza, 7-1 Big Ben, Kewallo, 8-1 Stoppes Brow, Dendy Ragent, Grand Musics, 12-1 others

FORM VERDICT

Botd Hunter seemed to run above himself here last tone and will be difficult to peg back, now dropped back to "Y. However, his front-running style may will set the race up for a finisher and STOPPES BROW, the mount of Keren Fallon, fits the bill. Grand Mustica, thrown an on his old form, has a visor on today and could spring a surprise if deciding to put his best tool forward.

8.35 WALTON-ON-THE-HILL CLAIMING STAKES (D) 25,000 added 1m 114yds

FORM VERDICT

STAR MANAGER should win this if he is on his best behaviour and the fact that he has not been on the track for a month is a bonus. Test The Water is the danger, and if the ground was to come up softer than good he would take a lot of beeping.

9.05 SURREY RACING HANDICAP (CLASS D) 25,000 added 6f

G-0010 GOLDEN POUND (15) (CD) Miss G Kelleway 6 100...... Raid 3

FORM VERDICT

A re-run of a race here in April. On that occasion Marengo came out on top trom SHAMANIC. The Fugative and Cauda Equina, however on the revised terms today Shamanic and Cauda Equina look the two to concentrate on. Marginal preference is for the first-named who goes well on the track and may be more reliable the the well-handicapped Cauda Equina.

HAMILTON

7.00 Royal Dome 7.25 Midnight Orchid 7.55 Final Claim 8.25 Flight For Freedom 8.55 Night City 9.25 STYLISH WAYS (nap)

GOING: Good to Soft.

STALLS: Im65yd - inside; remainder - stands side.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High numbers best for 1m65yd.

© Right-hand undulating course with pear-shaped toop.

© Course is N of town on B707. Hamilton West station (service from Glesgow) tm. ADMISSION: Cub \$12; Grandstand and Paddock 27 (24 for OAPs, disabled & students). CAR PARIC: Free.

© LEADING TRAINERS: M Johnston 35-77 (193%). J Berry 32-227 (141%), P Hastam 21-59 (212%), Mass L Pernati 20-248 (51%).

© LEADING JOCKEYS: J Weswer 45-163 (278%), J Fortune 28-13 (193%), J Carroll 24-207 (153%). D McKeown 12-144 (63%).

© FAVOURITES: 23-571 (373%).

 FAVOURITES: 213-571 (57.9%).
BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Temper Lad (7.55), Sabre Butt (8.25).
LONG DISTANCE TRAVELLER: Night City (8.55) sert 363 miles. CAMERONIANS HANDICAP (CLASS F) 7.00 CAMERONIANS HANDIGA (022,850 23,500 added 5f Penalty Value £2,850

5 0300- SIEDORO (271) (CD) J Godis 8 § 1 A McCarffry (3) 10
6 36032- YOUNG BEN (21) (D) J Wainweight 6 8 m W Supple 2 B
7 00020 DUBAN NURSE (13) A Doison 4 8 B J McAshey (7) 7
8 00050 BLAZING MP (19) (D) Mrs J Jorden 5 8 6.... M Fention 9
9 -00303 DONA FLEPA (7) (D) Mrs J Jorden 5 8 6.... M Fention 9
10 -04003 HAREN (9) J Godis 8 8 6...... A Cultime 5
11 0-0000 SUPERFIBLES (14) Mrs L Siddel 5 8 1 L Chernock 11
— 11 declared –
BETTING- 5-1 Dona Filips, 6-1 Royal Dotse, Gold Edge, 7-1 Young Beo, 8-1 Imperial Hosey, Suedoro, Dubal Narse, Hasby, 12-1 others

FORM VERDICT. Probably fair to say that none of the field come into the race in any sort of form but ROYAL DOME is potentially well treated and gets the nod. Gold Edge and Hastby are others to

7.25 SCOTTISH RIFLES MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (E) £5,000 2YO filles 6f

- 7 declared -BETTING: 9-4 Midnight Orchid, 3-1 Cover Girl, Thorstown Gold, 13-2 Scoop, 12-1 Forest Glade, 14-1 Calico Lady, Swysford Pleasure. FORM VERDICT

Mittrigin Orciald will probably appreciate the return to 6f but she looked a shade reluctant less time and newcomers Thom-toun Gold and COVER GIRL make more appeal with pre-erance for the latter. 7.55 STONEHOUSE MAIDEN HANDICAP (CLASS F) £4,000 added 1m 65yds

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460304 BEAU ROBERTO (9) J Goldie 4 8 3 ... 00-003 STOLEN WUSIC (5) R Bert 5 7 10.....

FORM VERDICT A dreadful race which puriters should give a wide berth. The unexposed TEMPER LAD ran a solid second here on his latest start in a first-time visor which is exchanged tonight for first-time bilinters. He looks capable of further improvement and is selected to confirm form with Torianna. Sadesbah

8.25 RANCH STABLE CLUB HANDICAP (CLASS F) 23,500 added 3YO 1m 3f

- 11 dec SOURT Season 75 ov.
BETTING: 4-1 Sporty Spice, 5-1 Durgams Deligist, 6-1 Bella, With A Zee,
Tressure Island, 7-1 Pipe Music, Forty Love, 8-1 Flight For Freedom,

FORM VERDICT R may have only been a seller that the ex-Irish SELLA WITH A ZEE won but she won with such authority that she looks capable of following up. Durgame Delight has been running consistently white any market move for Treesure Island or

8:55 HYNDFORD CLASSIFIED CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS E) 25,000 1m 4f

- 7 deciared -- 7 deciared -BETTBIG: 8-4 Hight City, 3-1 Good Hand, 13-2 Prophilis Pricie, 8-1 Brey-don, 10-1 Sabra Dences, Maranama, 12-1 Baddi Chuest

FORM VERDICT With Night City likely to set a strong pace the race might be set up for the veteran GOOD HAND, who makes a quick reap-pearance after his success at Nottingham on Monday.

9.25 NAKED OAT CLASSIFIED AMATEUR STAKES (CLASS F) £4,000 added 61

FORM VERDICT A tight contest with several in with a squark but STYLISH WAYS will be hard to beat if reproducing his York effort. Just Bob and Kees Albawa should make their presence felt, while Neissant has combing to find at the weights but at least comes here on the back of a course-and-distance victory.

Bradford to sell off **Edwards**

RUGBY LEAGUE

BY DAVE HADFIELD

BRADFORD ARE to off-load their former Great Britain scrum-half, Shaun Edwards, after admitting that his move to Odsal has not worked. Edwards was substituted during the defeat at Salford on Sunday, taking an unhappy marriage beyond breaking point.

The ex-Wigan player joined the Bulls from London this winter, but was soon complaining about not being in the starting line-up and was the subject of rumours about personality clashes with other players. London could be the most likely club

to make a move for him. "We have given it every opportunity to work, but it has become obvious that it's not going and from Norths, who offered to," said the Bradford coach, Matthew Elliott. "We have had a discussion and Shaun and the club have decided that we are

best cutting our losses." Elliott said that the player's absence from training on Monday had not been a factor. "He has been playing with injections for a sternum injury," he said.

Henry Paul, whose future at Wigan is in doubt following the club's swoop to sign the Australian, Greg Florimo. Although the 31-year-old North Sydney player is noted for his versatility, stand-off is his best position and Wigan, inhibited by the salary cap, are unlikely to afford high wages for two specialists

end of this season and his possible availability has alerted Auckland, the club that released him to join Wigan in 1994, as well as Bradford, for whom

in the role.

his brother, Robbie, plays. Florimo toured Britain with

Edwards: On his way

the 1994 Kangaroos and also played Tests against New Zealand the following year. Wigan faced competition for his signature from Bradford him a coaching role in an attempt to keep him. "He will be badly missed." said their chief

executive, Bob Saunders. The Rugby League Council has cleared the decks for a possibly fractious meeting today. Among the possible causes of conflict could be Super League clubs' instruction to their chair-Bradford may now chase man and managing director, Chris Caisley and Maurice Lindsay respectively, to press ahead with the renegotiation of the con-

tract with News Ltd. A new five-year deal is on the table which would see First and Second Division clubs cut adrift with a severance payment. Super League will thus argue that the new contract is purely a matter for them, without Paul's contract is up at the any involvement from the Rugby League. Other topics include admitting new clubs to Super League next season, raising the overseas quota to five players per club and scrapping the transfer system, in line with the Bosman ruling.

Spotlight Lombardo falls on **'staying** at Palace' old feud

CRICKET

IT SHOULD be a day for the un- MARK GOLDBERG. Crystal derdogs but a feud that started during the Benson and Hedges Cup final five years ago could overshadow the first round of the NatWest Trophy today.

It could take an upset by one of the game's minnows to match Hertfordshire's victory over Derbyshire seven years ago to distract attention from the contest between Sussex and Lancashire that will bring Wasim Akram and Chris Adams face-to-face in one-day conflict again. To add spice to that occasion. Lancashire want

revenge for a second-round defeat at Hove last season. The Lancashire captain alleges in his recent autobiography Wasim that Adams threatened him with a knife during the lunch interval of that 1993 final after being hit by an at-tempted yorker which he ducked into after the ball had slipped out

of the Pakistani's hand. The holders, Essex, are likely to drop Darren Robinson to make way for the return from Test duty of Nasser Hussain against Cheshire at Chester Warwickshire, last year's

beaten finalists, have a doubt

over their fast bowler Ed Gid-

dins, but are hopeful the all-

rounder Dougie Brown will be

fit to face Ireland at Edgbaston.

to the Premiership.
"I am convinced Attilio has his mind focused on Palace and not on alternative places of work," Goldberg said. "Attilio will lead us along the way for the next season, at least." He also said he was convinced that, despite attractive offers from two Premiership

clubs, Matt Jansen would also

be staying at Selhurst Park.

FOOTBALL

Palace's new chairman, has

assured the club's supporters

that last season's player-man-

ager, Attilio Lombardo, will be

Goldberg took over at Palace

two weeks ago from Ron Noades and is working with the new

manager, Terry Venables, to

build a team capable of chal-

lenging for an immediate return

staying at Selhurst Park

Everton shareholders are forcing an emergency general meeting to put pressure on the club's chairman, Peter Johnson, to clarify Howard Kendall's position as manager before the players return for pre-season training in two weeks' time. Chariton have signed the

striker Andy Hunt on a free

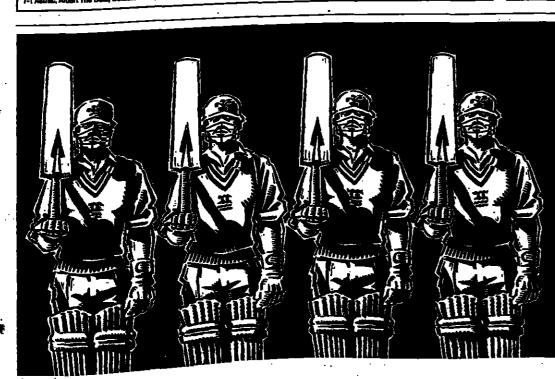
transfer from West Bromwich

Albion a day after buying Chris

Powell Derby have secured

Stefan Schnoor, a German de-

fender, as Powell's replacement.



The country goes to war.

Not all will return victorious, but overy man is expected to up his bit for his counta-

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Midfield must restrict Valderrama's options

I AGREED with Glenn Hoddle when he said that bad defensive goals cost England dear against Romania on Monday night. However I am not as ready as the England coach to put the blame on the defenders; to my mind the problem stemmed from a refusal by the midfield players and wing-backs to get close to their men and prevent them from playing the final pass or cross.

I don't understand the so-called modern game the television commentators go on about, a game when players seem to have time on the ball to look up and consider all their options. There is a thing called pressure that you can apply to the an embarrassment to Sheringham, other team but I didn't see the England team apply any to the man on goal and I felt sorry for him. the ball at any stage of the game.



CHARLTON

Teddy Sheringham was awful. It was he did not have a single header at

The other thing I don't under-

three central defenders, the wide in space. They deserved their win, men are expected to get up the line and deliver good balls across and still be back to defend in deep positions. You are asking them to be both heart and soul of the team, and it can't be done.

On Monday night we did not see the wing-backs filling those positions where you can deliver decent balls in - in fact I got tired of watching Shearer running down the right flank to fire over crosses when the situation cried out for him to be in the middle, on the end of them.

What also happens is that the opposition have a lot of inviting space down the channels they are only too eager to exploit. Romania did this

or at least they did on the basis of the first three-quarters of the game.

Kevin Keegan has taken some stick for saying that, after Michael Owen's equaliser, there could be only one winner of the game but he was right. It was there for England's taking if they had kept their shape, worked a bit harder and closed down in midfield.

Romania's winning goal was a travesty from England's point of view. It was not even a break from them; Doriel Munteanu picked up the ball in a position of no particular danger 40 yards from goal and our midfield allowed him to have a good look where he wanted to put it. You could see Dan Petrescu, very well because they are capable it. You could see Dan Petrescu, of knocking short balls around and marked by Graeme Le Saux, begin

centre-halves, and for some reason Le Saux stuck with him as though he had been instructed to manmark. It would surely have been better for Sol Campbell to track the run rather than staying in a sort of left-

back position.

The first goal was not really a move at all, it was what I would call a progression; it was a bail that came across and if Campbell had put his head towards it, the referee would probably have awarded England a free kick for dangerous play. The beil then fell behind Tony Adams and Viorel Moldovan put it away. I wouldn't particularly blame Adams - I wouldn't particularly blame anyone - although Le Saux might have been a bit closer to stop the ball coming across; it was a goal that devel-

if you use two wing backs flanking then hitting a long pass to someone to make his run between the two oped from a series of silly situations. England's second-half perfor-

mance was an improvement because we were able to release people from midfield to run at their defence. The introduction of David Beckham helped in that regard and Shearer was able to find a bit more space to try and turn his defender. I don't think the loss of Paul Ince affected us at all - we had no midfield

in the first-half anyway. Still, there was no real service to the front men and only Paul Scholes was able to offer anything resembling support. For that I would blame the way we build up from the back. In many people's eyes I have become a critic of David Batty but Hike midfield players to pass the ball forward, into the channels where Shearer and Sheringham can get

after the ball and get support from out wide.

I don't see that there is any way that Michael Owen will now not start for England on Friday. It is going to be a nervy affair and my first thought is that I don't want to watch. Colombia use Carlos Valderrama as an old-fashioned midfield link-man who is free of marking duties. When they gain possession they look to feed him and he can do damage with his passing and his movement

It is helpful to England that Colombia have to win the game while a draw will be enough for us. That means the South Americans will have to come at us and not rely on their normal containing game and quick breaks. I just hope England will learn the lessons of what went

Time is ripe for Owen to blossom

After England's disappointing result against Romania, Glenn Hoddle must make some changes. By Glenn Moore

STATISTICALLY, ENGLAND'S defeat to Romania on Monday changed nothing. In human terms it changed everything.

While England still have to take a point from Colombia in Lens on Friday, the same as if they had drawn or won in Toulouse, expectations of the team have been radically altered, and its approach and composition should be

In public none of this is admitted by Glenn Hoddle. Having blamed "sloppy defending" for the defeat in its immediate aftermath yesterday he blamed "naïve defending". He then insisted it was a good performance. It is time to blame himself and appraise his team's development honestly.

England have not played well since Rome in October, and then, it should be remembered, they drew 0-0. Contrary to myth, England did not tear the Azzurri to shreds, they held them at bay.

Since then they have beaten limited opponents in Cameroon, Morocco and Tunisia, scratched draws with Switzerland, Saudi Arabia and Belgium, been beaten by Chile and Romania, and been outplayed by the superior technicians of Portugal. Yes, Portugal were beaten 3-0 at Wembley in April, but their passing exposed England, and they just lacked Romania's defensive nous

and attacking edge.
With Colombia also technically gifted, and the equally talented and more steely Argentina next in line, England's prospects do not look good - but it is not over. They do have good players, it is time to deploy

Michael Owen must start on Friday. When he came on on Monday, Romania suddenly looked worried. The classy Iulian Filipescu, who had been marking Alan Shearer, switched to the teenager, leaving the less experienced Liviu Ciobotariu minding the England captain. The result was an Owen goal made by

Yesterday Hoddle intimated that he might, indeed, start. "It was al-

ways on my mind to nurse him into the World Cup. He's learning quickly, he's off the mark and if he starts now the pressure will be on his shoulders but his confidence will be high. If he'd started two games and not scored people would be saying 'he's not ready'."

However, Hoddle quickly added that Teddy Sheringham 'had done nothing wrong'. After playing well against Tunisia it would be more accurate to say he did little right in

The time is right to play Owen. With Paul Gascoigne departed the need to play both Paul ince and David Batty as cover, and Sheringham to link a deep midfield and otherwise isolated attack, is gone. With the more mobile David Beckham and Paul Scholes in midfield England can afford to play two up.

Ince's injury - and the omission of Nicky Butt - means that David Batty may survive for now but it is hard to see what he contributes against teams like Romania.

He cannot keep the ball except to move it sideways and, emasculated by more stringent refereeing, cannot niggle people. What is the point of having a Batty in the team if he does not take advantage of Gheorghe Hagi's early loss of temper? Booked after three minutes and still prepared to argue with the referee Hagi was ripe to see a red card as well as the red mist.

Instead, given Darren Anderton's fine performance on the right -justification for Hoddle's choice although he was exposed defensively on occasion - Beckham should continue in central midfield.

"He proved he is more than capable of doing a great job there," said Shearer yesterday. "He couldn't have done more, the rest is up to the

Hoddle was more circumspect, going out of his way to also praise Anderton and Batty. The danger is that, with only a draw required, this essentially defensive coach will go out against Colombia looking for just



England's Michael Owen being consoled after defeat by Romania on Monday David Ashdown

Ince heads England injuries

PAUL INCE is "50-50" to start England's decisive Group G World Cup tie against Colombia in Lens on Friday, Glenn Hoddle said yesterday. Ince suffered a recurrence of the ankle injury that troubled him late last season during the defeat by Romania and, the England coach added, "would definitely have been out if we had not taken him off."

Southgate is yet to shake off his ankle injury, Paul Scholes has a bruised wrist after being trodden on Monday and Sol Campbell has a jarred knee. Scholes and Campbell both took part in light training yesterday but

Ince and Southgate did not. Hoddle was also concerned about damage being done outside the England camp by external criticism, notably from Alex Ferguson. The Manchester United manager Ince is the most serious of four in-jury doubts for England. Gareth Darren Anderton ahead of David

Beckham at the weekend which, said Hoddle, "was unhelpful."
"People have to understand that

it is up to me to pick the team and it is disappointing that some of the people criticising do the same job as me," he said. "I wouldn't put that pressure on Alex before a big European game. It didn't affect Darren, though, he would not have played so well if it had."

Anderton dismissed the remarks. "Everyone has a right to their opin-

Change of plan seems essential

ONE OF the questions raised by England's debilitating defeat in Toulouse is whether it makes any sense for Glenn Hoddle to persist with the system of play he stubbornly favours.

Another concerns the invigorating effect of Michael Owen's introduction against the Romanians on Monday night, but more of that later. First the system - three central de-

fenders and a five-man midfield with wing-backs. If Hoddle's point that David Seaman had very little to do in goal holds up, Romania found no great difficulty in dealing with the predictably wide angles of England's assaults or keeping the ball from them. The ease with which they were able to infiltrate space between England's midfield and the defensive line without immediate confrontation cast

fresh doubts on Hoddle's thinking. Rather too much is made of strategy and tactics these days - superior individual technique and more intelligent team work was central to now beleaguered coach may have to seriously consider reversion to a collective method with which his de-

fenders are more comfortable. Flaws evident in the first match. especially the panic that almost led to Tunisia taking the lead in Marseilles after six minutes, and then nearly equalising from a long diag-onal pass that found England without adequate cover, were again apparent in Toulouse.

Praising his players for the intelligence they showed in achieving a result that guarantees Romania a place in the second round, Anghel lordanescu smiled wryly when it was put to him, more or less, that England's general approach could be classified as prehistoric. "We respected England's strengths and knew that they would fight very hard." he said. "But we managed to play a thoughtful game, particularly in the second half when England came back strongly at us."

Significantly, Romania did not make the naive mistake of bundling into the back of Alan Shearer, as Tunisia did when giving away eight free-kicks around the penalty area. Romania simply allowed Shearer to drop off before quickly closing down the space into which he then turned. In fact Shearer rarely threatened, his general ineffectiveness when denied quality service from the flanks renewing the suspicion that he is more in decline than people have imagined.

The controversy surrounding Darren Anderton's selection ahead of David Beckham on the right side of midfield was given fresh impetus when the Manchester United man was sent on after Paul Ince's injury. Beckham's longer passing gave England more attacking thrust but did not greatly trouble Romania who defended in depth, usually ensuring



attacks were not falling behind them. Romania's first goal less than two minutes after half-time resulted from a criminal lapse in concentration on the left side of England's defence. There was no immediate threat from a throw-in, but Romania were allowed to work the ball into England's penalty area and create a chance that say Moldovan slip Tony Romania's victory - but England's Adams for a goal that must have excited those Coventry City supporters who didn't feel like cursing him

The biggest cheer heard from England's large contingent in Toulouse came when they saw Owen preparing to come on, with barely 15 minutes left, as a replacement for Teddy Sheringham who had done very little to justify his presence as Shearer's attacking partner.

Hoddle said afterwards that he had not given Owen any specific role, simply telling him to go out and exjoy himself. Enjoyment on a football field for Owen is putting the ball into the net, and his close-in equaliser from Neville's low centre revived England's faith in going wide to attack

Until then the quality of England's crosses, most of them easily dealt with by Romania's tall goalkeeper and the central defenders, could be described as pathetic. Neville's delivery was more or less perfect and Owen made the most of it

When the youngest goalscorer in England's history then shot against an upright with Bogdan Stelea probably beaten, the cry went up for his permanent inclusion. Hoddle will have to think as much

about this as a change in formation. Romania were disturbed by Owen's pace and directness but would, of course, have made provision for it had the Liverpool forward started the match. "The lad did very well," Hoddle said in assessment.

Well enough to make life even more difficult for Hoddle should he choose to leave Owen on the substitutes' bench for Friday's vital match against Colombia in Lens.

It will come as a big surprise if England do not qualify for the next round, but defeat in Toulouse has left their coach with a big dilemma. Does he change the shape of his team? Does he go with Owen?

We of little faith left to wander with lost souls

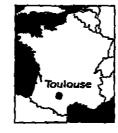
NOT ONLY was it semi-impossible to get into the ground - not unless you wanted to fork out £200 for a ticket (and there were plenty of takers at that price), it was hard enough to find a screen anywhere in Toulouse to watch the game.

I knew the giant screen at the Village Occitan had been taken down. not to be put up again until after the big match. But I did not expect Le Carpaccio and Café Wilson to cravenly unplug their televisions too. You could watch USA-Iran the day before, but not England-Romania.

Fortunately, the B2O American Sports Live Bar, on the Rue des Trois Journées, was brave enough to keep its sets switched on and provide a home-from-home for England refugees. Why this place should be called "H2O" I've no idea, because



ANDY MARTIN AT LARGE IN FRANCE



water is about the one drink it ton (a crippled donkey) off Basicaldoesn't have. "We're not going to lose ly, anyone who was on should be off this," asserted Phil with serene confidence. "The worst we'll get

out of it is a draw." There was a lot of heated discussion over team selection. Everyone thought Beckham and Owen should be on the field and not on the beach. and Sheringham (lazy) and Anderand anyone who was off should be on.

We were all staunchly pro-Gazza too - the bring-him-on-for-the-last-20-minutes tendency. "Gazza is a game-turner," reckoned Tom, "we don't have too many of those. But Hoddle won't have anyone who doesn't fit his holier-than-thou

lifestyle." The anti-Hoddle tirade by a Manchester United fan, who ironically finished with a poignant neo-Hoddhan, "You've got to have faith though -you've got no choice."

It was some time around the middle of the second half, when we were really up against it, that I started feeling physically sick. I'd only had one beer and a fruit juice cocktail, but with all the giant pitchers sliding across my table, I'd probably done an awful lot of involuntary drinking. The combination of staggering outside for some air and England scoring produced an instantaneous recovery. A miracle had taken place. And then God finally

"Subdued" would be an overstatement of the post-match mood: "funereal" might do it. There was only one consoling thought, offered

had been vainly trying to explain to a local woman why he followed United: "He'll have to bring back Gazza now."

In the bleak main square of the Capitole, where the England supporters poured back in from the stadium, every bar had closed, but even if they'd all been open I doubt it would have brightened things up much. One poor soul tried to start up a chorus of "Super Michael Owen", but found himself singing alone. There is no sadder sound than a fan singing alone.

Tim, a cameraman, came up to me and said forlornly, "I'm supposed to be filming the party - the fête. What am I going to shoot now?"

one, possibly Arabic, was trying to A small, balding, pleasant young fel-

account for the disaster to a small bunch of England supporters. "Two defensive errors," he said, accurately enough, then pointed up at the sky more mysteriously: "God, it is his fault." "God!" spluttered one of the English. "Hod, you mean." We had lost our faith.

The night train back to Paris was roughly an hour late, but England had gone right off the tracks. The passengers sat slumped, crushed, defeated: the living dead That train was as lively as a coffin on wheels. The gendarmes at Montparnasse heartlessly shepherded us down into the metro. I didn't want to go on the metro, but they didn't want us wandering the streets in case we should depress anyone. I Outside the railway station, some managed to sneak out of a side exit

low in glasses stopped me to ask what all the police were doing surrounding the station. I told him about what had happened and he slipped a sympathetic hand around my shoulder and offered to buy me

a drink I told him I was too tired. "I have a little place where you can sleep if you want," he said, gazing into my eyes. My reputation for shacking up with other guys had obviously preceded me. It was the best offer I had, but I turned it down in favour of a visit to Moniparnasse cemetery, where Jean-Paul Sartre and Serge Gainsbourg are buried, to commune with other lost souls. Le sport rhymes with la mort.

I remember that in one of Victor Hugo's books, after a devastating tragedy, he leaves the page blank, as a sign of respect. The rest is silence.

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Ption Hagi's class ruled England



EAMON DUNPHY

ENGLAND'S LIMITATIONS were exposed by Romania in

There can be no doubt now that, for all his mind games, Glenn Hoddle is not the tactical genius that he believes him-self to be.

Romania will never win the World Cup. Nobody thought they would, not even patriotic Romanians. But England's hope that they would be the champions is an illusion that can now be dispelled.

The Romanians, experienced World Cup warriors, gave England a football lesson. First, the most important thing in football is possession of the ball. Second, passing and movement win you games at this level. So does talent, Tactics matter, psychology is essential to the business.

But the priority that Hoddle has placed on tactics and playing games with the media, worse still with his own players, will be exposed in this tournament.

The most important lesson Hoddle could learn from last night's match is that talent matters above all else. Gheorghe Hagi is richly gift-

ed. At 33, his legs don't cover the ground the way they used to. But he has that little touch of class that matters in a match.

England set out to bully him, Paul Ince being delegated this task. Three minutes into the match Hagi had a go at Ince. Just to let the Liverpool player know he wasn't going to be intimidated.

ITV's commentators, Brian Moore and Kevin Keegan, soon began to take the piss out of Hagi, whose shots at England's goal flew high and wide in the early stages. The thought occurred that the little Romanian would only need to

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Gheorghe Hagi of Romania refuses to be intimidated by England's Paul Ince in Toulouse yesterday

England were aggressive, Romania technically accomplished. Translated that means that England ran a lot while Romania controlled the movement of the play. Hagi continued to spray shots into the stand high above England's goal.

On the half-hour David Beckham replaced the injured Ince in midfield. England at this stage badly needed a touch of creativity. Alan Shearer looked frustrated. His body language was telling. England were fortunate to be level at half-time.

Two minutes into the second half Romania gained the lead they deserved. The circumstances seemed innocuous, a throw-in on the right 20 yards from the byline. Hagi slipped his marker (Graeme Le Saux) and gained a yard, which was enough. A delicate touch lofted

the ball over Adams' head to Viorel Moldovan who crashed a volley past Seaman. Wily old Gheorghe has never lost it. One touch of class is worth 10 gallons of sweat. ITV had stopped taking the piss.

Hagi, Adrian Ilie, Moldovan and Dan Petrescu all featured for Romania, However, less familiar names should also figure on the roll of honour. Constantin Galca, Dorinel Munteanu, Gheorghe Popescu and the centre-back Liviu Ciobotariu (who comprehensively won his battle with Shearer) all contributed significantly to a very dominant Romanian performance.

The English fans began to chant for the introduction of Michael Owen, Liverpool's astonishing youngster. At 18, some feel Owen is too young for

be no quarter given. They need

a win and although we're al-

must finish top of the group."

matches

Centre-back Frank Leboeuf

Denmark's coach, Bo Jo-

hansson, is expected to re-

inforce the wings to combat

France's power down the flanks. "It's the defence that

needs to be strengthened," said

Derby's Jacob Laursen, who

ready qualified Nigeria would

be enough to see them into the

last 16 - but only if Bulgaria and

Spain cancel each other out in

The goalkeeping captain and free-kick specialist Jose Luis

Chilavert said the South Amer-

icans will not underestimate

Nigeria. "We won't make the

same mistake as Spain," he said. "After all we're playing the

best team in the World Cup at

Johan Cruyff has slammed

Spain's over-confidence as their

France 98 future hangs by a

thread. The Dutchman, who led

Barcelona to the 1992 European

Cup during a hugely-success-

ful spell at the Catalan club,

said: "The trouble with Spain is

in their heads. They thought

fore they arrived.

at a World Cup."

their match.

the moment."

Others believe if you're good enough, you're old enough. With 20 minutes left, Hoddle succumbed to the terraces, also perhaps to his own football

Owen was introduced to a huge cheer. As Kevin Keegan commenting on ITV said: "40,000 people can't be wrong!" That's why Kevin is managing Fulham! He was wrong about the numbers as well; only 20,000 English fans packed the terraces.

Anyway. Kevin and the 40,000 people who couldn't be wrong were proved to be right: with seven minutes left Owen scored a wonderful opportunist goal.

Watching this on ITV was a joy. The English with their backs to the wall are funny. Brian Moore is funny anyway. Kevin Keegan is a howl. They were up and down all night like a whore's drawers. One minute laughing at Hagi, the next admiring his silken touch. With two minutes left and England pressing forward it seemed that something had been salvaged for Hoddle and his team. And the 40.000 who couldn't be wrong, Then Keegan ruined everything: "Only one team can win now."

Kevin suggested. He didn't need

to say which team. "I hope I'm

not tempting divine providence,"

the great man added. Those words were still resonating when divine providence did what many ITV viewers have wanted to do for a very

long time: screw Keegan. After 89 minutes Le Saux made another mistake. Le Saux is good going forward with the bell at his feet. His problem is that

yard that matters at this level.

This time he allowed his Chelsea colleague Petrescu to gain the slightest advantage which Petrescu translated into victory. Keegan and Moore were down again. And England, poor England were, well, not going to win the

World Cup anyway, even if Owen popped up again to hit a post with a stinging shot from 20 yards in the last minute. As for Anderton? He played okay but England should play

Beckham out wide and Owen at

centre-forward. That's the way

But don't miss Keegan on ITV if you want to enjoy your football. l'alking of a Romanian player who'd changed clubs, he remarked: "He's left Barcelona for 'pastors' new." Surely, he meant pastures. Although with Keegan



Unless Glenn Hoddle's team improve, the best place for an Englishman to follow the World Cup might well be from the isolated British Antartic Survey stations on the remote ice-capped continent where there is currently 24 hours of midwinter darkness each day. Unable to receive terrestrial or satellite television, the teams are dependent on the BBC World Service for developments in France but the signal is often too weak. Staff at the survey's Cambridge headquarters are sending regular e-mails and pages of football news to the 37 engineers and scientists hungry for details on England

The BBC's coverage, or, to be precise, the way they don't dress it up, is the subject of a withering attack from the British Guild of Tie Makers who have condemned the practice of Des and Co. to sport open-necked leisurewear throughout the tournament whereas their ITV counterparts are suited and booted. Now the Guild has sent the Corporation's

Sports Department an "emergency" parcel of ties. Included was a terse letter claiming that "at a time when then world image of English and Scottish football is at an all-time low, it is disappointing to witness the **BBC's team demonstrating** a somewhat slovenly mode of dress. May we venture to suggest that such on-screen scruffiness sets a poor example to viewers and we would hope for better from the BBC."

The Iranian players will receive around £4,600 apiece from their government for their defeat of the United States. That is in addition to the £1,000 paid to them for the 1-0 defeat by Yugoslavia in their first World Cup game in 20 years. The combined payment compares unfavourably with the £66,000 phis a Mercedes car that the Saudi Arabia players each received when qualifying for the 1994 World Cup yet in Iran, where good monthly salary amounts to about £130 it will do very nicely thank-you.

TREVOR HAYLETT

QUOTES OF THE DAY

"They had two or three chances and scored two goals. They were sloppy goals. They just happen sometimes." Sol Campbell, England defender, on Monday's defeat to Romania.

"I'm certain that they'll qualify by beating Colombia." Dan Petrescu, Romania's match-winner, with comforting words for England.

"I think Shearer needs more support up front and Michael is the man to come in and help him." Roger Hunt, England World Cup winner, on Michael Owen.

Vieira to face Danes

THE ARSENAL midfielder er Deschamps who is on one ual battles and it is better to win Patrick Vieira - called up by yellow card - has promised France for his first match in the World Cup finals against Denmark today - has said he will despite the rash of yellow and red cards in the tournament so

The fiery 21-year-old was frequently cautioned last season when he was a key figure in the Gunners' Double-winning side. But Vieira - brought in alongside club-mate Emmanuel Petit for captain Didi-

play his normal physical game, a game that I wouldn't say is ag-"In the position where I play

there are numerous individ-

GROUP C: THE PERMUTATIONS

CAUTION WILL once again be fying the odds and progressing

the by-word for Paraguay when to the second round as they did

they tackle the Group D win- in 1986 in Mexico when they

ners Nigeria in Toulouse today. were beaten 3-0 by England.

The South Americans have yet After two goalless draws

to score in the tournament but Paraguay are second in the

GROUP D: THE PERMUTATIONS

France are certain of qualifying but Demmark can still beat them to the top position. Saudi Arabba are diminat-ed. The group winners meet the run-ners-up from Group D on Sunday, the second-placed team meet Nigeria on the same day Onalification decided by in order): points, goal difference, number of goals scored, outcome of encounter between the two Sides, drawing lots.

2 France beat Denmark: South Africa draw with Saudi Arabia: France win group and Denmark are runners-up. Paraguay to keep it tight

they have not conceded any

game knowing another shut-out

will give them a chance of de-

Nigeria are certain of winning the group and will meet the runners-up from Group C on Sunday. Qualification decided by (in order); pohits, goal difference, number of goals stored, outcome of exceenter between the two sides, drawing lots.

2 Spain beat Bulgaria; Nigeria draw with Paraguay: Spain finish as runners-

Spain draw with Bulgaria; Nigeria oeat Paraguay; Three teams finish on two points but in this scenario Bulgaria will be eliminated. If Paraguay lose by two goals or more Spain will finish runners-up. If Paraguay suffer a single goal

goals either Paulo Cesar Carpegiani's team go into the

not to alter his style. "I will be more careful but it

won't change my game. I have gressive, but full of commitment," he said. "It's up to me to adapt, as players like me are penalised more than others. While a tackle in England wouldn't merit a booking, it could bring one here. It's up to

3 France beat Denmark, Saudi Arabia beat South Africa; France win group and Den-

A France draw with Denmark: South Africa beat Saudi Arabia: France win group and Denmark are runners-up. 5 France draw with Denmark; South Africa draw with Saudi Arabia; France win group and Denmark are runners-up. 6 France draw with Denmark; Saudi Ara-bia beat South Africa: France win group and Denmark are runners-up.

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group with two points, one

more than Bulgaria and Spain,

A third 0-0 draw for the

South Americans against al-

defeat, they must score at least three more goals than Spain score tonight to be certain of finishing runners-up. As the group fixture between Spain and Paraguay finished all-square, the drawing of lots is a possibility.

5 Spain draw with Bulgaria: Nigeria draw with Paraguay; Paraguay finish as

6 Spain draw with Bulgaria; Paraguay beat Nigeria: Paraguay finish as run-ners-up.

7 Bulgaria beat Spain: Nigeria beat Paraguay: Bulgaria finish as runners-

8 Bulgaria beat Spain; Nigeria draw with Paraguay; Bulgaria finish as run-

9 Bulgaria beat Spain; Paraguay beat Nigeria: Paraguay finish as runners-up.

who meet in Lens.

angered by threat them without being dirty. You don't go out to hurt anybody." Vieira is expecting a physito quit cal tussle in midfield. "Denmark have a great team with some talented players, so there will

BERTI VOGTS, Germany's ready in the second round, we on a French policeman by Gerreturns to the France side as man hooligans.

well today in place of Laurent Vogts said he felt he had Blanc, who is also on a yellow card, and Marcel Desailly, his new partner at Chelsea next season, is happy to welcome Desailly has not played alongside Leboeuf in the national side since March, when France lost 1-0 to Russia in Moscow - their only defeat together in six-and-a-half

The French policeman is fighting for his life in a deep coma after being beaten about the head. "I had to deal with the question at two in the morning and I was angry," Vogts said.

do with the team."

er or in midfield.

Tunisia sacked their coach, after his team failed to qualify Kasperczak had already

signed to coach the French club, Bastia, next season. been encouraged to clamp down on players asking for an opponent, who has fouled them, to be booked or sent off.

they had it pretty much won be-He added: "They were overconfident. But they've not exactly disappointed me. After all, Spain has never done anything

Vogts is

coach, said yesterday he had been angered by a suggestion his team might pull out of the World Cup because of an attack

been personally attacked when an unnamed German federation official asked him about withdrawing. The coach revealed he had been confronted with the idea in the early hours of the morning on Monday, following the attack in Lens after his team's 2-2 draw with Yugoslavia on Sunday.

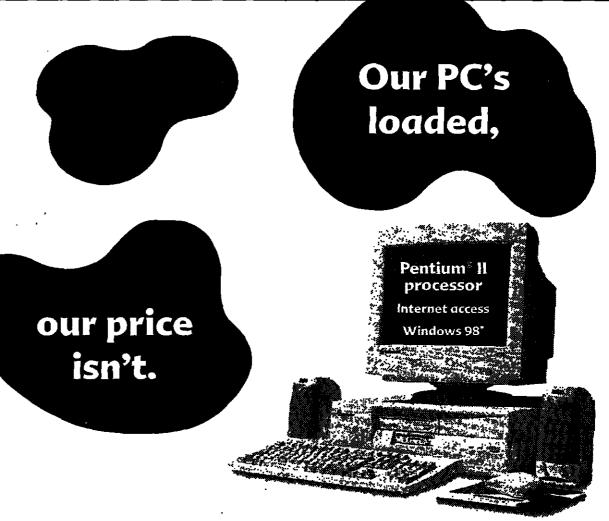
"What can the team do [about it]? I was very hurt by what the German Football Federation planned. It has left behind its scars. It has nothing to

Yesterday Vogts took the unusual step of confirming that the 37-year-old Lothar Matthāns would definitely play in tomorrow's game against Iran in Montpellier, in what will be his record 23rd World Cup match. Vogts would not say, though, whether he would play Matthaus at the back as sweep-

Henryk Kasperczak, yesterday for the second round. The Pole, the third coach to suffer this fate in four days, will be replaced by his deputy, Ali Selmi.

World Cup referees have

They should take stricter action against something which is an act of dissent and bad sportsmanship - trying to get an opponent into trouble," the Fifa spokesman, Keith Cooper,



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Sierra completes Chilean mission

BY TOMMY STANIFORTH at Stade de Beaujoire, Nantes

Chile Sierra 21 Cameroon Mboma 56

CHILLE'S LONG wait to reach the last 16 of the World Cup finally ended yes terday after a thrilling 1-1 draw against Cameroon, who finished their last game at the tournament with only nine men on the field.

Chile, who have not won a game at the World Cup in 12 matches since they came third on home soil in 1962, qualified with three draws - against Italy, Austria and Cameroon.

"It's mission accomplished," said Chile's top striker, Marcelo Salas. "It took a lot of effort to qualify." His side now meet the favourites, Brazil, in Paris on Saturday.

The African side had the defender Rigobert Song and a substitute, Lavriano Etamé, sent off in the second half but they still managed to push the Chileans all the way. The South Americans' path to the second round seemed assured at half-time when they led thanks to a magnificent 21st-minute free kick over the wall from the midfielder Jose Luis

IN FRANCE WITHOUT A TICKET

Nicholas Harling's daily quest to see a World Cup match: Day 14

THE INVASION of Paris by England fans on the early-morning TGV from Toulouse thankfully had little to do with any overwhelming desire to witness yesterday's game at the Stade de France. En-route to Lens or homeward-bound, the English contingent was still too stunned by the defeat against Romania either to contemplate misbehaving on the train or to want to take in another fixture so soon. Neither, fortunately, did many Austrians who appeared, after two opening draws, to have given up on their country. That was not good news for the touts, whose earlier inflated offers for tickets were easily resisted. Prices came tumbling down just before the kick-off, I purchased a 250 franc ticket for 325fr. Real games: 13. Retal cost price: 5.385fr. Total paid: 5.455fr. Two fallures to get in.

Sierra, originally drafted into the side to provide better service for Salas and Ivan Zamarano. Instead, a powerful header from Patrick Mboma put Cameroon back on terms within four minutes of the first red card and his side threatened to steal a

winner on several occasions. Cameroon's chances of gaining more reward were undone by a lack of discipline. They were already miss-ing Raymond Kalla, sent off against the Italians, and Song was always like ly to get into trouble when he caught Salas a glancing blow in the face with his elbow and was dismissed. He had been booked earlier - it had been Song who conceded the free-kick which produced Sierra's effort and his name was in the referee's book as early as the eighth minute.

With or without 22 men on the field, both defences looked shaky for much of a game which could easily have brought several goals for both sides. Once Sierra had struck from outside the area, Salas had a shot kicked off the line by Joseph Ndo. At the other end, Mboma went close on three occasions, François Omam Biyik had a goal ruled out for a close offside decision and Cameroon's captain then forced the goalkeeper, Nelson Tapia, into a reaction save as the ball flew fast at his head.

Cameroon had several more chances and the game's finale was played out in the Chilean goalmouth, despite the loss of Etamé. Experiencing his first World Cup action, he was on the pitch for barely six minutes before scything down Salas near the touchline a minute from the end of normal time and receiving his marching orders.

Chile had four men booked themselves, including Francisco Rojas, Nelson Parraguez and Moises Villarroel, who will all miss the next match. They must now face the world champions and, while Salas and Zamarano remain a consistent threat, they seem incapable of hanging on to a lead once ahead.

"It's probably the hardest test we could have faced - but I promise Brazil will have a hard time beating us," said the Chilean coach, Nelson Acosta. "We will try and make it a very good game."



Hiddink urges caution

GUUS HIDDINK, the Netherlands' coach, says he will make few, if any changes, for tomorrow's game with Mexico from the team that began the 5-0 rout of South Korea. He said yes-terday: "We will be aiming to questria neutralise their strengths but

I don't envisage any changes."
The Netherlands face Mexico in their final Group E match in St Etienne. Patrick Kluivert is still out though suspension but otherwise Hiddink has no selection problems. Phillip Cocu, who opened the scoring on Saturday, had an ankle injury day. The midfielder Ronald de Boer sat out training but is expected to be available. Wim Jonk, who learned of the death of a close friend on Monday, has decided to stay in France

The Dutch coach had few complaints about the way his team performed on Saturday but said he wants a "return to

Against South Korea, he said the team lost the ball too often, particularly in the early phases, and were too intent on delivering the killer pass. He said he hoped the Dutch would continue to work off the ball and pass in triangles until a clear opening appeared. He said: "I think we needed to apply the brake on some occasions."

Hiddink knows a draw should be enough to ensure the Dutch win Group E but says they will not play with that in mind. He said: "I don't think we can play in such a calculated way." Hiddink mentioned four Mexican players the Dutch would need to watch - striker Luis Hernandez "who is hot," Cuauhtemoc Blanco "who is threatening on the right, the left and in the middle", Jesus Ramirez "with his fine passing" and substitute midfielder Jesus Arellano.

He added: "We have seen they have a great deal of indi-

environment on Saturday they showed they have real character. We must be very sharp and attentive." The Belgium coach, Georges

Leekens, yesterday called up the winger Nico van Kerckhoven to replace the injured Danny Boffin for his team's final World Cup Group E match against South Korea tomorrow. Leekens said there were also fitness doubts about the captain, Franky van der Elst, and the goalkeeper Filip De Wilde for a game which Belgium must win to stay in the hunt for a second-round place.

Leekens said De Wilde is still dogged by a groin problem and might be replaced by the 37year-old keeper Philippe Vande Walle. He added that Van der Elst, also 37, suffered from the heat and fatigue after Saturday's match against Mexico. Van der Elst, who asked to be

replaced after just 10 minutes against Mexico, was still unwell

on Monday. Leekens said: "He had to dig very deep against Mexico. But I'll always wait for a player like him."

Leekens hinted however that Van der Elst would be replaced by Philippe Clement. Clement played a "fantastic match" against the Netherlands. I know [Van der Elst]. he's always straight with me. He'll tell me whether he'll be able to play."

Leekens reckoned that the FC Metz winger Boffin, who suffered a knee injury against: Mexico last Saturday, would be out for the tournament. Leekens added: "This kind of injury doesn't heal in just a few days."

But Leekens said he was keeping the faith with his strikers Luc Nilis and Luis Oliveira, despite mounting criticism that they have so far failed to deliver and should be dropped in favour of the brothers, Lokonda "Emile" Mpenza and Mbo

Iranian stars aim to cash in

IRAN'S JUBILANT players re-turned to training yesterday but Cologne. But with his club also turned to training yesterday but some had more than Sunday's historic 2-1 win over the United States on their minds. Their victory has put the Iranian spotlight and now they could be poised to cash in with lucrative contracts from foreign clubs.

Ali Daei has signed for the German giants Bayern Munich after his former club gated from the Bundesligo. Khodadad Azizi also played

Already the centre-forward

going down he is expected to move in time for next season. The tricky front-man has brought his German-based agent with him to France and the agent has been glued to his mobile phone for the last week.

Azizi has expressed a preference for a move to Spain, but with a German club but yesterday he said he would not yet signed a contract. be announcing any deal until after Iran's involvement in the World Cup is over "After the World Cup my situation will be

Right-winger Mehdi Mahdavikia, who topped an imthe US with his team's second goal, said he expects to leave his Iranian club Pirouzi after the tournament. "I think after the World Cup I will go to the German league," Mahdavikia said. He said he was in talks with a German club but had not

Goalkeeper Nima Nakisa may be coming back to France sooner than he imagined. He said on Monday that it was "80"

ing French First Division club

Another Iranian with business to complete is national team coach Jalai Talebi. He is is working without a contract but hopes to secure his future soon. After calling the victory over the US "the biggest success of my career" he hopes to tie up a permanent deal with the Iranian federation

"It will be discussed after the Cup is finished but I want to stay," he said. "It is my country. and it is an honour to represent per cent sure" he would be join- them in this way."

ROMANIAN DAILY newspapers printed supplements to mark Monday's 2-1 victory over England. "Cobra's dance hypnotises England," was the headline in Ziva, referring to the nickname of the striker

Adrian Ilie. "Romania descends into the streets." The newspaper praised the coach, Anghel Iordanescu, as the man of the hour, lionising him as "Anghel - the Angel!" The daily Pro Sport singled

THE GLOBAL GAME WORLD CUP AROUND THE WORLD

out Dan Petrescu's last- English Premier League was not lost on Romania Libminute winning goal with the headline: "Dan-gerous; Death era: "Englishmen Moldovan and Petrescu bring England to

its knees." Another daily newspaper, National, went so far as to goals scored by Petrescu and Moldovan – both playing in the

month accusing some Romanian players of enjoying lavish lifestyles while the country wallowed in poverty.

Radio Bucharest said the score did not fully reflect the extent to which Romania had dominated the game. "Hagi and his team-mates laid down the law on the pitch for most of the match," a commentator said with glee.

apologise for articles last Compiled by Rupert Metcalf



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TEAM NEWS

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DENMARK: Ebbe Sand could be

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S. Africa v S. Arabia

PROBABLE

SOUTH AFRICA: First choice strik-

er Brendan Augustine has been

sent home for nightclubbing at the

weekend, as has Naughty Mokoe-na. Augustine is likely to be re-

placed by Deiron Buckley. Alfred

SAUDI ARABIA: No major injury

Spain v Bulgaria

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Italy 2 Austria 1

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Free-kicks (against): 9

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Goal: Sierra 21 Yellow cards: 4 (Parraguez, Rojas, Villarroel, Miguel Ramirez). Red cards: 0 Corners: 7 Offside: 5

Goal: Mboma 56 Yellow cards: 1 (Song) Red cards: 2 (Song, Etamé) Corners: 5 Offside: 3 Free-kicks (against): 16 Coach: Claude Le Roy

MONDAY'S LATE MATCH

Romania 2 England 1

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Offside: 3 Free-kicks (against): 11 Coach: Anghel lordanescu

Goal: Owen 83 Yellow cards: 0 Red cards: 0 Corners: 3 Offside: 1 Free-kicks (against): 12 Coach: Glenn Hoddle

Running commentary

rash tackle (trip on Campbell). 5 min: Ince scrambles Hagi corner away from

7 min: Shearer challenges keeper for Anderton cross and Scholes almost able to hook in loose

14 min: Sheringham hooks shot just wide from corner.

26 min: Ilie chips towards goal after springing offside trap. Seaman is rooted to the spot as the ball hits the bar behind him and bounces

32 min: Beckham comes on for the hobbling Ince and immediately gets involved by winning two tackles.

42 min: Le Saux outwits his Chelsea clubmate Petrescu, makes his way into the penalty area and passes to Scholes. Ball sticks under Scholes's foot and Romania manage to

45 min: Gheorghe Popescu shown yellow card (sliding tackle on Campbell).

46 min: Moldovan puts Romania ahead

3 min: Hagi shown yellow card for second after Hagi leaves Adams stranded by lofting over Petrescu's throw-in. With Adams off balance, Moldovan has time to control ball before shooting fiercely.

53 min: Ilie jinks through but shoots straight at Seaman.

57 min: More danger for England as Hagi is

clean through but loses control. 57 min: Shooting chance spurned by Neville, who tries instead to set up Scholes.

61 min: Beckham just too high with free kick. 62 min: Anderton's short cross runs across goal-line.

66 min: Scholes' header from Anderton's cross just clears the bar as England apply some real 78 min: Clobotariu booked for up-ending

Beckham in full flight. 82 min: Owen equalises for England after Shearer's pull-back falls to him off Scholes. 84 min: Beckham races through but shoots

90 min: Petrescu grabs winner when he gets to pass ahead of Chelsea team-mate Le Saux.

GABRIEL BATISTUTA'S 11-minute hat-trick against Jamaica last unday was not his first in a World Cup – he scored three times | Highest scoring matches against Greece at USA 94. His feat last Sunday was not the fastest ever World Cup finals hat-trick either— that honour belongs to Hungary's Lászlo Kiss, who put three past El Salvador in eight minutes during a 10-1 win over the Central Americans in Spain in June 1982.

COLOMBIA'S LEIDER Preciado became the first substitute to score the winning goal during these finals when he struck after 83 minutes in Monday's 1-0 win over Tunisia in Group G. Six other substitutes have also scored during the com-

DAN PETRESCU, who scored his country's winner against England, became only the second Romanian to score in two World Cup finals following one goal in 1994 against the United States. Stefan Dobai was the previous Romanian to achieve that feat, with one goal in 1934 and two in 1938.

HIGHS AND LOWS

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80,000 - Brazii v Scotland (St Denis) 27,650 - Paraguay v Bulgaria (Montpe

GOALSCORERS

THREE GOALS

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GEORGE RUFAL CHILÂVERY: OKPARA AYALA **ENCISO AMOKACHI** TV: LIVE EUROSPORT 7.50; HIGHLIGHTS: BBC 11.10 **TEAM NEWS** NIGERIA: Could start without three players on one yellow card, Viktor ikpeba, Austin Okocha and Mutiu Adepoju. Definitely out is the suspended Uche Okechukwu. Uche Okafor or Augustine Egua-PARAGUAY: Hugo Brizuela will lead the attack, partnered by ei-ther Jose Cardozo or Cesar

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Baggio has the finishing touch for Italians

BY JOHN LICHFIELD at Stade de France, St Denis

Vieri 49, R Baggio 89 Herzog pen 90

THIS HAD the look of a soporific game before the kick-off and the pessimists were not disappointed. Italy controlled the game throughout - with Luigi Di Biagio tireless in midfield but they have still to play a fully convincing 90 minutes in

Do they have enough in reserve to outrun or outwit the likes of Brazil or Argentina or even France, their possibly quarter-final opponents? They do not have to show their full hand yet. The win was enough to give Italy the championship of Group B and a last-16 match in Marseilles on Saturday against Scotland, Norway or

The game began in perma-

sages worth replaying. Was there a ball on the pitch? It hardmattered. Mexican waves are usually a tedious distraction. In the first 20 minutes of this match, the wave which made lazy circuits of the beautiful, sunlit Stade de France, was the only entertainment on offer.

Italy wanted Austria to come out and play; Austria insisted that the Italians must come round to their house. Stalemate. Mysteriously, with dozens of millions of pounds of midfield talent on the bench ~ Albertini, Di Matteo, Di Livio ~ Cesare Maldini chose to play an extra defender, Gianluca Pessotto, in midfield. Up front Alessandro Del Piero looked wily and pacey when he had the chance but was regularly clattered by Heimo Pfeifenberger, Paul Durkin, the English referee, gave him little protection.

After 25 minutes or so, both sides seemed to get bored at once. When Ivica Vastic put Dietmar Kühbauer through on the right, he was pushed over nent slow motion with few pas- by Fabio Cannavaro just outside

the area, but Durkin ruled that there was no foul.

Pessotto playing well forward, despite his usual defensive role for Juventus, scurried down the left and thumped a low centre across the goal. It was met on the half-volley by Francesco Moriero but the ball skidded wide of the far upright.

In the last minute of the half, Austria - last-minute specialists in their two previous 1-1 draws in Group B - aimost surprised themselves by taking the lead. Vastic cut in from the left, but Anton Polster could not control his cross and Pessotto cleared. The teams went off to boos from the large number of uncommitted spectators, the truth is that this World Cup has spoiled us all: there have been few matches like this.

The half-time score from Nantes may have alarmed the Italians. With Chile leading Cameroon 1-6 it only needed two more Chilean goals to dump Italy in to a last 16 game against Brazil.

For whatever reason, the

Italians came out looking for a goal and got one. Peter Schöttel fouled the much-fouled Del Piero on the left; the Juventus striker took the free-kick himself, scooping the ball high over an Austrian defence which unaccountably forgot about the other striker, Christian Vieri. From point-blank range, he headed the ball almost vertically down and into the net.

Would we have a game at last? It turned out that the Austrians could play well enough when they had to. A cross from Pfeifenberger was played back by Vastic and fired just wide by Hannes Reinmayr. Excitement in deed.

The Austrians pressed forward, leaving gaps at last which the elder Maldini decided to explore with fresher legs. He brought off first Vieri and then Del Piero to make way for Filippo Inzaghi and Roberto

The game reached the dying minutes – time for an Austrian goal? It was, from a penalty by the substitute, Andreas Herzog, in injury time, but the Italians had already spoiled the script by scoring a second a minute earlier. Inzaghi escaped on the right and centred low to Roberto Baggio who tapped in.

Six minutes from time a spectator had tried to invade the nitch. It was difficult to see why he bothered, was he overwant his money back.

THE JUBILANT coach and players of Romania, still on a high

the morning after beating England 2-1, said yesterday that

they would prefer to meet the

World Cup novices Croatia in

A draw in their last Group G

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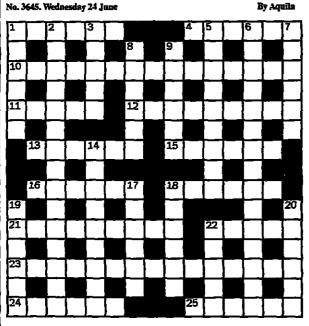
rently Croatia. But Argentina

could also finish runners-up,

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Italy's Alessandro Del Piero holds off the Austrian Heimo Pfeifenberger during yesterday's 2-1 win

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level no games are easy, not for any team," Anghel Iordanescu, the Romanian coach, said at a champagne reception to mark meet the Croatians. the departure of the team from their secluded hotel in Albi, in

south-western France. Croatia, who are appearing game against Tunisia will guarin their first World Cup, have won both their matches so far. "At this level it doesn't matter who we meet, since both teams have very good players. Per-haps I would prefer Croatia, besetting up a repeat of the cause they don't have too much experience," midfielder Gabriel Popescu said.

Veteran playmaker Gheorghe Hagi and striker Viorel

Moldovan - who combined for the first goal on Monday night - also said they would prefer to

Croatia top of Romania's hit list

"Technically we can beat anyone. Our players have plenty of experience of winning at the highest levels in Europe, Hagi said, who insisted the ageing team had no problems with stamina. "I don't think there are any physical shortcomings. We can give our all for at least 75 minutes." he said.

The players and their normally dour coach, who have kept themselves at a great distance from the press, were in

creased in smiles as he thanked the mayor of Albi and the manment of the team's luxury hotel, forther evidence if needed of how important the win

over England had been. More than 50,000 Romanians chanted and danced in Bucharest streets early yesterday to celebrate the national team's win against England. Within minutes of the final whistle in Toulouse, vast crowds poured into University Square, the traditional site of ge gatherings, blowing horns

and setting off firecrackers. For more than two hours

Even fordanescu's face was revellers streamed through side streets and into the capital's principal boulevard with children and teenage girls hoisted on shoulders. "Romaniai Romanial" chanted clusters of fans, who formed large circles to dance the traditional Romanian horo.

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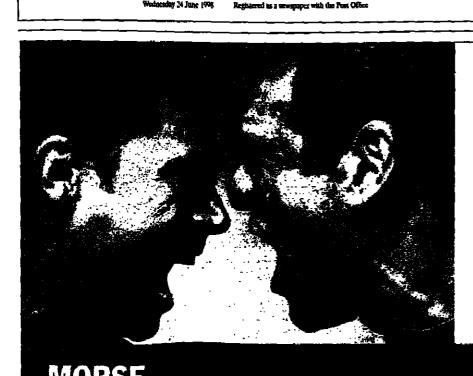
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Large crowds poured through Bucharest four years ago when Romania reached the quarter-finals in the US. University Square was the site of clashes between troops and students in the December 1989 uprising. Tens of thousands gathered there last year to meet the US President, Bill Clinton.

FRANCE V DENMARK (3.0), SOUTH AFRICA V SAUDI ARABIA (3.0). SPAIN V BULGARIA (8.0). NIGERIA V PARAGUAY (8.0)



Ronaldo's not all he's cracked up to be.

Ronaldo. He's all right.

Shearer, Sheringham, Owen. Admittedly, not at all bad.

But if asked to say who's making the biggest contribution to World Cup 98, it's got to be Hewlett-Packard. No question. OK, let's be honest, they can't play football. Against HP even the Jamaican defence would have smiles on their faces.

The technology behind the scenes of the World Cup is on an awesome scale. And everything, from the largest UNIX server down to the printer that prints the referee's pass, has been provided and run by Hewlett-Packard. Without it, the World Cup simply couldn't take place:

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most British sports fans Michael Jordan is just another famous American basketball player who, in his spare time, flogs Nike trainers. In fact, Michael Jordan is a one-man merchandising phenomenon, the greatest player in the game every sports superstar in the world wants to play and win: brand promotion. He's been called "the human billboard", and some say that this handsome, 6ft 6in, 35-year-old black man is one of the best friends that white American captalism ever had.

And if that sounds a little over the top, consider this. In 1993, Jordan retired from baskethall to play baseball. On 9 March 1995, a rumour that Michael was about to return to basketball began to race around Wall Street. Suddenly the combined stockmarket value of companies whose products were endorsed by Jordan rose by \$15n.
That's right: one man, one rumour, \$15n.
Compare that to Ronaldo, the Brazilian

striker, probably the world's best known footballer, who earns £10m a year from fees and sponsorship by Nike, Pirelli and

Even Desmond Lynam, currently enjoying cult status as Britain's favourite sports commentator, who is putting his face to five ad campaigns including Right Guard and Miracle Grow, is said to be earn-

ing a comparatively paltry £160,000. What does that tell us about America's love of sport and the power of celebrity over millions of consumers? Has the land of the free become the home of the sucker who will snap up anything a superstar like Jordan is paid to sell?

Over the past decade Jordan's name has been used to sell shower curtains, aprons, travel mugs, tissue holders, flashlights, edible cake decorations, foam furniture, Mc-Donald's, Quaker Oats, Nike trainers, cars - I could go on for ever. So let's just say that with the exception of vibrators and nipple rings, Jordan has promoted nearly every product the American public could possibly want.

These days Jordan is far more selective about what he will promote. He concentrates on a dozen or so products such as Nike, Sara Lee, Quaker Oats and his own Michael Jordan fragrance. He still managed to earn around \$70m last year.

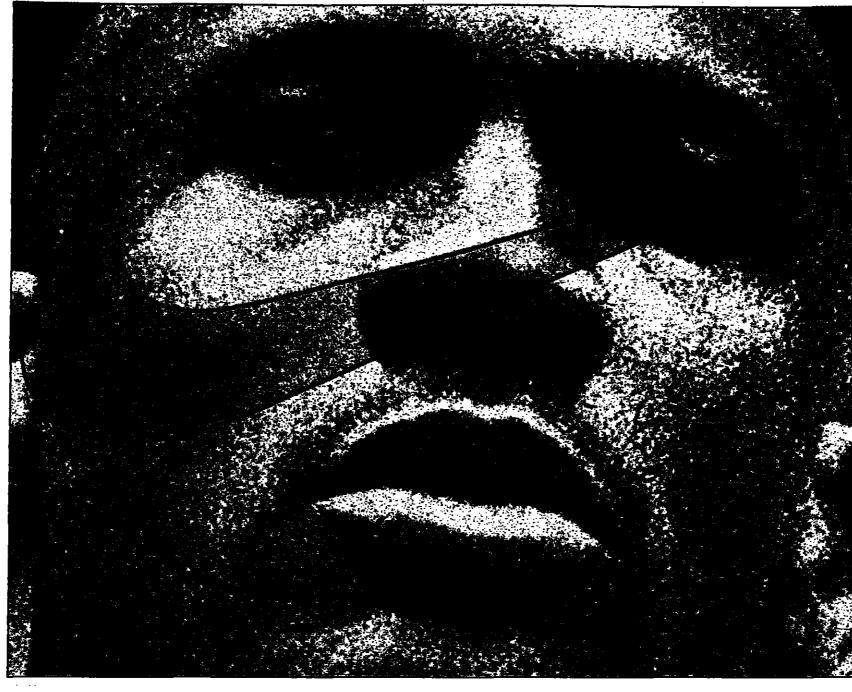
Jordan has the kind of celebrity kudos that can turn an entire company from a second-rate business to a major player in a chosen market. Early in his career, an ailing trainer company called Nike signed up Jordan for around \$2.5m to promote a new type of Michael-inspired trainer called the Air Jordan. By the end of the first year, revenues had reached \$130m. It was the most successful trainer launch in history. Today, Nike has 40 per cent of the American trainer market under its control thanks to Michael.

So how do we explain the Jordan phenomenon? Why does Gatorad pay him \$18m to be associated with their drink? America is not exactly short of sporting superstars with merchandising muscle or smart sport agents who can cut multimillion-dollar deals every day of the week. Why is Michael the \$70m man?

For starters, you don't have to be a fan of his team, the Chicago Bulls, to concede that Jordan is a basketball genius. Never mind his past triumphs; today, at the age of 35 - which in basketball terms makes you an OAP - Jordan has been the highest scorer in the NBA this season. He's won every award going in the game. His sporting talent has taken him beyond basketball glory; Jordan has become, as Time magazine put it, "the greatest athlete in the history of American sports".

And in a country as socially and culturally fragmented as America, sport - unlike pop music or movies - is the one form of popular entertainment that transcends divisions of class, race or money. During the NBA Championships or the World Series in baseball, divided America becomes one nation under the spell of a sporting

This gives a sporting celebrity such as Michael Jordan an obvious advantage



Half man, half logo

Ronaldo (size 9, \$16m) may be the biggest thing to hit the World Cup, but he's not ready to step into the shoes of Michael Jordan (size 12, \$70m). At the grand old age of 35, the basketball star is still the king of the sports world, a human billboard, the face (and the feet) of Nike, a one-man merchandising machine the like of which the world has never seen

BY COSMO LANDESMAN

over a Pepsi-promoting pop star like Michael Jackson, who has a relatively limited fan base founded on the appeal of his type of music. Jordan's appeal goes right across the spectrum of sport. But this doesn't explain the appeal of Michael Jor-dan over other basketball superstars such as Magic Johnson and John Stockton.

Jordan has his own theory as to why he's been such a successful product promoter: when I come into contact with people, I think they see me as a genuine person.. I'm a people person."

And that's an important factor in explaining the Jordan phenomenon. By gen-uine be means real, authentic, devoid of pretension or that other great American sin - phoniness. Johnsonhas the in-built

sincerity that a brand promoter needs to around the shoulder of every sad, disapsell to a mass audience.

Americans like their sporting heroes to have the common touch, to remain one of the people. Being genuine is what makes a sporting genius like Jordan seem like a regular guy that Joe Six-Pack can trust and relate to. Right from his early days with Nike, Jordan has been marketed as a man who understands the auxieties and aspirations of the common man. A 1977 Nike ad campaign featured Jordan failing to get the ball into the net during various games. "T've failed over and over again in my life.

And that's why I succeed," says Michael. For Americans, with their fear of failure, it was the ultimate feel-good message. It was as if Jordan were putting his arm

pointed American, saying, "Hey buddy, I know how you must feel. But you can do it, 'cause I did it too."

But why has Jordan remained the number one hero of black America for so long? Look at the alternatives, and what do you see? Michael Jackson fighting charges of molesting children; Mike Tyson convicted of rape; Magic Johnson inflicted with Aids; OJ Simpson tried for murder; even Mr Clean himself, Bill Cosby, was involved in a paternity suit. Almost by default Johnson has had the black hero market to himself.

It may seem strange that the most visible face of white American capitalism is black. Some commentators claim that blackness makes Jordan an icon of cool.

man would like to be -6ft 6in of physical perfection, athletic power and sexual prowess. If Linford Christie has a lunch box, then Michael Jordan must be blessed with a two-ton lorry full of goodies. Or so some people like to think.

In fact, Jordan has managed to be such a marketing phenomenon because he is not seen by white America as someone who is black. That doesn't mean that he's tried to pass for white, it's just that being black for Jordan is no big deal. He's never been associated with black causes, or set himself up as a spokesman for the black community. Michael is a "people person" rather than a professional black man.

The man responsible for managing

Michael's image is David Falk. Right from day one Falk knew how to sell Jordan to the American people and the business community. "We felt that Michael represented something as all-American as apple pie. So the game plan was to get him involved with all-American companies such as Mc-Donald's and Coke. Which we did." And it worked. Henry Louis Gates Jr, writing in The New Yorker, says Jordan "has become one of those things that constitute our identity as Americans".

So where is the English Michael Jordan? We have plenty of sporting superstars sell-ing us such products as Lucozade (Linford Christie), Shredded Wheat (Ian Botham), Braun shavers (Alan Shearer) and Walkers Crisps (Gary Lineker). But compared to Jordan, even Shearer with his £1m contracts with McDonald's, Braun, Lucozade and Jaguar is earning peanuts.

Jordan provides the American psyche with something it needs as much as Big Macs and trainers: the idea of the individual winner. What Jordan does on the basketball court has a direct connection to something Americans have been buying for the last 200 years: the American dream of opportunity and success.

That's not exactly a hot item in this country. The individual winner has never been part of our national mythology. British sports is still very much about supporting a team, and not an individual star. When Alan Shearer scores a winning goal it's a victory for England, not our way of life.

An American baseball coach once said:

"Show me a loser, and I'll show you a loser." The British, on the other hand, can see a loser such as Eddie Eagle and find him lovable. Consequently, to British eyes a winning machine such as Jordan is far less seductive. Of course the British want to win, but unlike Americans we do not wor ship at the feet of the winner.

But there are signs that the merchan-dising potential of the sporting celebrity is really just beginning to take off in this country. Mike Perry – who worked on the Nike campaign for Wieden and Kennedy -believes that the rest of the world is starting to go the way of America. "In the last 10 years there's been a massive growth in using sports to market brands and goods. Everyone, from steel manufacturers to ketchup companies, is using sports personalities as a means of raising awareness of their brands. America is just 10 years ahead of everybody else."

Already we can see that the place of sports in our culture is starting to change in the kind of way that makes the creation of a British Jordan more likely. Steve Martin, the PR manager of Adidas UK, says that, "sports stars in general have become more like rock stars; they are the pop stars of the Nineties. Sport has gone from the

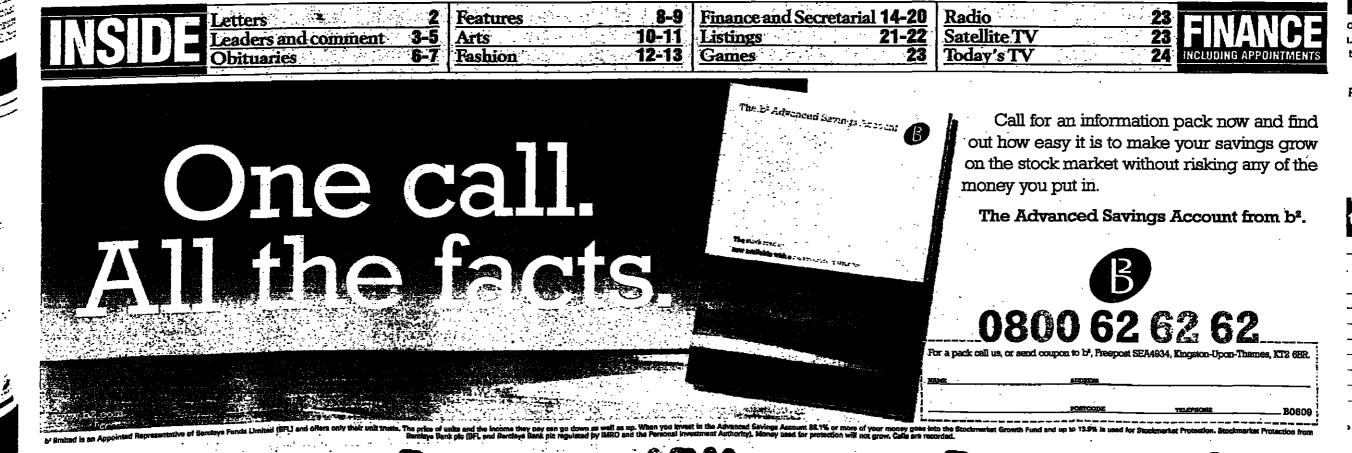
back pages to the front pages."

So is it only a matter of time before a British Michael Jordan bursts on to the scene? Perry is doubtful. "I can't see another Michael Jordan around in the future. He was something more than just a basketball player."

Martin is also sceptical about the arrival of another Jordan. For him the man to watch is Prince Naseem. "We feel that he is going to be very big. He made an incredible impact in the States with just one fight, but I doubt if he will ever be as big as Jordan."

People in British advertising will tell you that in some ways it's easier to use a sporting celebrity in America than over here. "The kids in this country are sophisticated and sceptical about ads. They are a difficult audience to reach. That isn't so true in America," says Martin.

While it is true that some campaigns such as Gary Lineker's one for Walkers Crisps - have been highly successful, there's a great deal of doubt about the effectiveness of using celebrities to sell brands. Academic research suggests that there is not necessarily any link between stars and the success of the products they are selling. It seems that the British are not so enslaved to the culture of celebrity - not even the sporting kind - as the Americans. And that is surely a victory for everyone who wants sporting heroes without all the brand-promoting hype.



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IT HAS been some time now since I heard from my old friend Talbot Church, the former court correspondent whose heart-warming exposés once earnt him the sobriquet "The Man the Royals Trust" but who fell from grace following the publication of his royal wedding paperback, 101 Things You Didn't Know about the Royal Lovebirds.

Now he's back, bearing exciting news for historians of the future. It appears that, during a routine trawl through the dustbins at Clarence House in 1993, Talbot came across a bin-liner full of old letters. They were in a poor state - some of the papers were torn, others were charred by cigarette burns - but, over the subsequent years, he has managed to piece them together into some kind of order.



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Only this weekend has the significance of his discovery become apparent. These papers are none other than the remains of the Queen Mother's private correspondence which, in an excess of tidymindedness. Princess Margaret is reported to have thrown away. As a teaser for interested publishers, Talbot has agreed to make available a few incomplete fragments of letters from the Queen Mother to her beloved second daughter

Darling Margaret,

Townsend is, I did like the way he bowed to me - you can tell a lot about a man from the way he bows. What exactly is a group captain, I never know. Somewhere between a captain and a major, I suppose. When can I -

Dear Margaret, No, sorry, not on. Foot well and truly down. I could just about accept Elizabeth marrying a naval officer but RAF - he'll probably start wearing one of those ghastly moustaches and say things like "Ticketyboo" and "Down the hatch". We'll tell everyone it's because he's a divorcé but you and I will know that it was far more serious than -

 cannot believe I lost the Grand National all because of that hopeless little man Dick Francis. Devon Loch was miles clear when Francis decided to wave to someone on the rails - naturally, my darling DL took fright and did the splits. Francis came in claiming that the horse was jumping over a shadow! Honestly, that man lives in a world of his own - can't think what's going to become of him. Have you heard Tommy Steele's latest, "Little White Bull"? It did make me laugh. Your loving Mama.

Darling, I know you like to encourage the staff but I do wonder whether it's wise taking your

gardener Roddy to Mustique - even if, as you say, you are very partial to his hardy perennials. Another thing you can help me with. I read somewhere that one of your set out there, a man called John Bindon, has a party piece which involves balancing a pint of lager on his todger". This confused me what exactly is "lager"? Just met Anne's intended, a man called Foggy. Nice enough, but he made even me feel intelligent, which I can't believe is a good -

- fun seeing the younger generation "letting off steam" on It's a Royal Knockout. Thank goodness that charming Sarah Ferguson has joined the firm - such a breath of fresh air. I was wondering whether I should get in touch with that sweet little man Des O'Connor and suggest I appear on his TV show. I've been working on "Roll Out the Barrel", which always goes down terribly well with the cockneys. What do you ~

- come up with a rather brilliant labour-saving idea. We hire a "lookalike" and pretending to be me, looking frail and adorable and waving at the cockneys. Saves an awful lot of -

Dear Margaret, I can't tell you what fun I've been having. A rather gassy American girl called Kitty Kelley has been coming round for a good old gossip. We play this American game called "Oprah" - she tells me something rather saucy about her family, which I try and top with stories from the firm. I win every time! Talking of Americans, what is this ER people are talking about? Is it my story? I do wish I could make the video

THE REVIEW DAY BY DAY

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MONDAY REVIEW

As well as our regular columnists, features and expanded comment pages, Network, our information technology section, moves to Monday.

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An improved media section, with appointments, moves to Tuesday. Visual arts and more health pages are also Tuesday regulars

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A cannonball possibly originating from Edinburgh Castle found during the Scottish National Trust's renovations of its new HQ in Charlotte Square

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Persecuted gays

Sir: Marun Luther King looked forward to the day when his children would be judged not by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character. I look forward to the day when gay and lesbian youngsters are judged not by their sexual orientation but by their character

and the quality of their relationships.

The bishops in the House of Lords who will oppose the equal age of "the wrong message" to society ("Peers rally to stop gay sex Bill", 22 June: What message are they sending: that prejudice and discrimination is right; that to be gay is to be less than other people? All of us, men and women, black and white, gay and heterosexual are all children of God and of infinite value to him. Notions of heterosexual supremacy

of white supremacy. The bishops must accept responsibility for the consequences of their action. What impact will their statement have on those thousands of adolescents faced with growing awareness that their deepest feeling are towards their own sex? Recognition of beauty in others and the desire to love is the greatest gift of God. Yet the bishops are sending the "message" to our gay and lesbian children that these fe

are no more Christian than notions

sinful and wicked. Their statement will reinforce the guilt and self-hatred felt by many gay and lesbian adolescents and give them the message that the church, and therefore God, rejects them. Children who are identified or labelled as lesbian or gay in schools often face appalling bullying. The "message" sent by the bishops is support for the attitudes that inform this persecution.

Leicester **Tories and Ulster**

S. BONHAM

Sir: Thank you for your unequivocal leading article on the Northern Ireland peace process (22 June). It is well past time that someone drew attention to the seriously flawed nature of William Hague's stand on this vital issue.

The tearing up of the cross-party accord is the least of my worries, although it must be remembered that the Labour opposition adhered to bipartisanship for eighteen years, through the most severe of trials and in spite of damaging criticism from its own constituency. What concerns me is the damage which Mr Hague and his party are capable of doing to a fragile and delicately balanced peace process to which, unless I have missed something, he is offering no constructive alternative.

I was born in Northern Ireland and lived there from 1952 until 1995. For the last 21 years of that time, I served in the emergency services and have vivid memories of the pain and horror wrought by the "troubles". I have, as I suspect do most of the 71 per cent who supported the Good Friday agreement in the referendum, great reservations about the detail of it. I

do not welcome the release of the people who committed the atrocities which I and my colleagues had the misfortune to be required to clean

Equally, however, I do not have an alternative to offer, and I am prepared to place my trust in Tony Blair, as I would have in John Major. Both are decent men who have given Northern Ireland a higher priority than did any of their predecessors.

The only real alternative is the "an acceptable level of violence". Mr Hague and his colleagues do not have the right to inflict this on the people of the United Kingdom again, If they have a reasoned alternative, they should let us hear it immediately. If they do not, they should maintain a dignified silence. ALAN MURRAY

Dorking,

Hope in jail

Sir: Andreas Whittam Smith's article Let us show prisoners how to be human beings" (23 June) was both insulting and demoralising to the thousands of prison officers who provide a humane and supportive environment for inmates. As someone who is privileged to deal with both staff and inmates in my canacity as a member of the prison watchdog body, the board of visitors, I found it infuriating.

Yes, the Prison Service has its rogues and yes, not every officer always treats every inmate with humanity, but to headline an article in such a way is to imply first that prisoners, by definition, are not human beings and second that no effort is being made by anyone to rehabilitate inmates.

On the contrary, daily, people are being changed for the better by their experience "inside". There is a long way still to go, but give credit where it is due. A recent report by HM Inspector of Prison was justifiably glowing in its praise of the excellent apport between staff and inmates at HMP Wellingborough and the quality of both workshops and education. I don't believe this was an isolated

Get out and about a bit more, Mr Whittam Smith. Contact your local board of visitors and talk to them. Better still, apply to join. Then you can practise what you preach. JEAN REID Vice Chairman Board of Visitors HM Prison Wellingborough Northamptonshire

Legal fat cats

Sir: You report that barristers "ridicule" the idea that they should earn less than £200,000 a year from legal aid work ("High fees put fat cat lawyers in the dock", 18 June). You describe a process of setting and "uplifting" fees in the awareness that a review body is likely to halve the figure - still leaving huge sums of money to be found for a system which is "running out of control" ("QCs claim astonishing legal aid fees", 19 June).

May I suggest an alternative

model? Clergy of the Church of England receive an allowance (stipend) designed to enable us to live "neither in poverty nor riches". currently about £14,000 a year plus a tied house and good pension provision. Other income, from chaplaincies, teaching or letting a room in the house, is deducted from the stipend. We are protected from

inflation but do not receive year-on-

year increases. We usually take one day off each ek: the rest of out time is at the disposal of the church. We are expected to maintain a portfolio of theological, liturgical, educational, pastoral and management skills which are freely available to all

parishioners My wife and I have lived this life for thirty years. There can be no finer or more satisfying occupation. We have raised and educated our two children without sending my wife out to work.

The tied house would not be appropriate for barristers, so let us suggest a stipend of, say £40,000, plus all proper expenses, clerical staff and pension provision. The model could be emulated for all professions whose avowed purpose is the service of our fellow man, for his well-being, healing, justice and peace.

The prophet laid down the principle long ago: "What is required of you, O man, but to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God?"

The Rev ROGER W REED Wincanton, Somerset

The best yobs

Sir: Here we go again! Football opens the old can of prejudice and stereotypes. Imre Karacs juxtaposes the ugly, drunken but harmless English louts with their allegedly more serious and brutal counterparts from Germany, the well-organised youths who look like neo-Nazis and are supposed to be fascinated with violence" ("More

than mere yobs", 23 June). Isn't it rather sad that we should find solace in the fact that hooliganism is not just a British disease. Let us take a unanimous stance in condemning all football violence, no matter what nationality is involved, rather than indulge in this nationalistic one-upmanship of hooliganism. Dr R TENBERG Little Shelford, Cambridgeshire

Sir. Your article on French law relating to English football supporters (Law, 19 June) misses a central point. In France, most of those accused of crimes are imprisoned while an investigating magistrate considers whether they should be charged. This can go on for years and applies to both "white-collar" and to other offences. Recently, the head of the railways, the SNCF, was put in prison pending fraud charges and a British lorry driver was held for two years on suspicion of drug trafficking before being released. This makes provisions of the Prevention of Terrorism Act look

When the eyes of the world are

upon them, as here and in respect of not, incidentally, contain any "illegal the paparazzi involved in the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, the French resort to the "fast-track" approach to get the people to the point of being charged or exonerated very quickly. Their system, however, is not equipped to cope with this; hence the difficulties described in the article. JOSIE EDWARDS London N10

Self-help in Africa

Sir. Whilst Paul Vallely was right to point out (ISM, 20 June) that the Tonga people have received little support from the Zambian government since the Kariba dam was built forty years ago, he gives the impression that there is no positive work being done in the

Despite the harsh climate, no electricity and a lack of roads, there are some success stories. as supporters of Harvest Help know. For 13 years Harvest Help has supported development projects with many communities on the shores of Lake Kariba. Farmers have introduced new crops, smallscale irrigation and improved farming methods to boost food production. A mobile health clinic visits communities along the lakeshore and a rural health centre was opened last year in Munyama, both of which are reducing the number of child deaths. Over three thousand children have benefited from primary education in an area previously without schools.

All these initiatives have received some support from the Zambian government, but the driving force behind the work is the Tonga people themselves ANDREW JOWETT Director Harvest Help Telford, Shropshire

Birmingham link

Sir. The Birmingham Northern Relief Road (BNRR) will not be privately owned ("Protesters stock up for Birmingham road war", 9 June). It will be owned by the Government and be part of the national highway network, but for a period of 50 years it will be operated by Midland Expressway with the right to collect tolls from vehicles using it.

You report claims from opponents of the BNRR about the traffic effects of the road. BNRR will not be a complete solution for the West Midlands' severe transport problems, but there is no doubt it will have a relieving effect on the heavily congested trunk-road network in the region. It will also achieve its primary aim of providing a strategic through-route between the Northwest and the South-east which avoids the dreadful conditions on the M6 in Birmingham.

You refer to a "secret" contract for construction of the road. There is a concession agreement, signed in 1992 between Midland Expressway and the Secretary of State. It is not "secret", but as with all commercial agreements, commercial confidentiality attaches to it. It does

penalty clauses".

The piece makes no mention of the 16-month public inquiry, held in 1994 and 1995, which was the longest ever into a road scheme and which concluded, after exhaustive examination of every aspect of the BNRR, that the road was needed. TOM SMITH Managing Director Midland Expressway life

Fairy stories

Sir: K Porteous Wood (Letters, 20 June) brings a breath of fresh air to your paper with his description of exorcists as "dejuded men with crosses and holy water". On another page Margaret Atkins (Faith and Reason) writes: "The Bible begins with the creation of the heavens and the earth, and God sees that each

thing is good." It is surprising that there are people who still believe that nonsense. There are no heavens or hells, demons, angels, ghosts, eternal torture, gods, fairies or Father Christmas. There is no evidence for the existence of any of these fantasies, and it is time the human race grew out of its infantile gullibility and came to terms with reality. MAURICE HILL

Javea, Alicante,

IN BRIEF

Sir: Henry Blofeld has become gratuitously self-righteous in his assessment of the "dissent" shown by Test cricketers at incorrect umpiring decisions ("Players told to respect umpire", 22 June). It is an understandable human response to display disappointment and frustration in such circumstances An apology from Ramprakash to the umpire should have been sufficient.

Mr Blofeld seems to place greater importance on impeccable behaviour than the will to win. I would rather see England win the Test series, even if that involves the occasional use of a swear-word. PETER MORRIS London WC2

Sir Jack O'Sullivan, in his report on the sad loss of the fishing boat Silvery Sea, describes her catch as 500 tons of sand eels. I have never seen sand eels for sale in a fishmonger's, so what do the Danes use them for? I thought they were the main diet of puffins and terns. Sea birds have a tough enough time with oil spills already without us taking their food, G L BOLT Kings Lynn, Norfolk

Sir: You have published a letter (22 June) from a J M Bradford from Leeds, about defunct counties and referring to birthright; have you ever published a letter from a Mr/Ms Leeds who hailed from. Bradford? ROBERT COLOVER

London SW16

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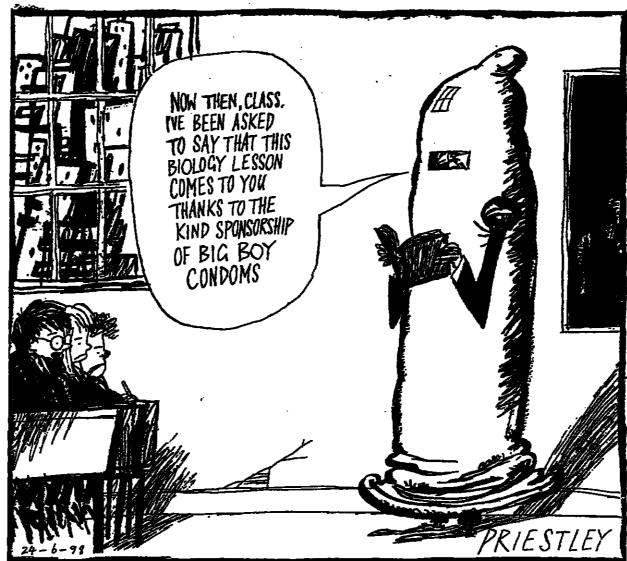
IT MAY not be the expected route, but the arranged marriage between Richard Branson's Virgin Trains and Brian Souter's Stagecoach bus company provides the first opportunity since privatisation for the integrated transport network so beloved of transport experts. Scrapping plans for a £250m flotation, Mr Branson has instead secured from Stagecoach a £138 million share purchase and an extra £20 million to pay off debts amounting to 49 per cent of Virgin Trains. The marriage of the flamboyant Mr Branson and the hard-edged Mr Souter is one of circumstance, and it is impossible at this stage to tell whether it is made in heaven or hell.

Mr Branson has spoken of the "synergistic benefits" of the arrangement. If plans to integrate Stagecoach's buses in the Midlands, North-west and Scotland with Virgin's trains live up to the two companies' hype then it will be a good thing. But there are serious doubts based on past performance - about their ability to deliver what they promise.

When the last government privatised the railways it argued that only the private sector could follow Mussolini in making the trains run on time. More than that, a nationalised British Rail would always be low on any list of public spending priorities, however appalling its performance and however obvious its need for greater investment. Money on the scale needed could come only from the private sector. Using a subsidy to attract buyers was one thing; but after a few years, any subsidy would be whittled away and converted into a payment into the Treasury. Britain would have a modern, efficient, well resourced and private railway system.

It is still too soon to tell whether this is just a free marketeer's fantasy, or a credible way to run a transport system. Privatisation certainly has its more absurd side, such as rival companies operating on the same line which go out of their way not to co-operate on schedules or ticketing. And Virgin Trains has been one of the poorest performers. A year ago only 78 per cent of its trains were punctual (although that has now improved to 90 per cent). Everyone has their own privatisation horror story. But in truth many of these are simply rail horror stories, which might have been different but would not have been better under a state-

Virgin Rail's franchises cover the vital west coast main line between London and Scotland and the crosscountry route between Penzance and Aberdeen. Earlier this month it won regulatory approval for a £2.1bn



investment on the west coast line and it is trying to secure £1bn to run "tilting trains" which should cut the London Glasgow journey time from four hours 54 minutes to three hours 49 minutes. The subsidy of £224.4m which Virgin rail receives today has to be turned into a payment to the Treasury of £230.3m by the time the franchise runs out in the year 2012 - a pretty onerous task, and one that is dependent on decent performance.

If Virgin Trains fail to deliver, then it will not just be Mr Branson and Mr Souter who are in trouble. The Government, even if it wanted to, does not have the money for a major rescue of the railways - let alone for renationalisation. The rail franchising director, John

O'Brien, is expected to insist on additional investment and passenger facilities before approving the merger, and that is all to the good.

The success of privatisation will be judged pretty straightforwardly. Are there enough trains? Do they run on time? Are they comfortable? Are they competitive? A positive answer to all of these questions is a prerequisite to any of the Deputy Prime Minister's plans for reducing car traffic. The Labour Party opposed privatisation but is now stuck with it, so when Mr Prescott publishes his transport White Paper next month he will be as anxious as any Conservative for the experiment

Shameful abuse of the mentally ill

THE INDEPENDENT inquiry into sexual and physical abuse at the Longcare home in Buckinghamshire has been a long time in coming. The Independent first exposed the catalogue of crimes that Gordon Rowe and his colleagues subjected the helpless residents of his supposed care home to some four years ago, and it is a disgrace that we have had to wait until now for an inquiry. Buckinghamshire County Council deserves no credit for its eventual appearance. If it was not for the orders of Paul Boateng, the bealth minister, we would still be waiting. Their four year attempt to stop an inquiry was shameful.

The tragedy of this case is that it should never have happened. These were not secret crimes. Over ten years' evidence existed, showing that something was amiss. The council were repeatedly warned. But they did nothing. Although we seem to be confronted with such cases all the time, this case was made worse by the fact that the victims were not children but mentally handicapped adults. As a result of the plethora of child abuse cases, there are now reasonably firm procedures in place. When a case falls through the net, it is usually because of a failure to implement properly these procedures. The inquiry into Longcare shows that nothing like as much rigour is attached to the care of the mentally handicapped.

Under the Mental Health Act as it stands, the maximum sentence for neglect is two years. The inquiry recommends that a new ten year maximum sentence for harming and exploiting the mentally handicapped is introduced. At the very least, this should serve as a marker that such abuse should never happen. In addition, we need urgently to implement a much tighter system of registration and inspection. Without it, we will almost certainly see the emergence of more Gordon Rowes.

A sad club

POOR RACHEL Anderson. Britain's only licensed football players' agent has twice been refused entry to the Professional Footballers Association's men-only awards dinner and she has now had her case raised in the House of Lords. Naturally, if she wants to go we support her. But why on earth would any sane woman want to spend an evening with a bunch of drunken, oafish lechers? Perhaps Ms Anderson should invert Groucho Marx's maxim and refuse to be a member of a club that won't have her.

The truth about our spin doctors they're really not much good

THE VISIT of Alastair Campbell to be only to be rubbished when they fail to quizzed by a Parliamentary committee will most probably get more col-space of just a few weeks we are first umn inches than any other event of told that Glenda Jackson will be a forthe week, including even cutting the midable candidate only to discover age of consent for gay men. Parliament was awash with speculation about how the mighty Alastair would perform. MPs seemed as excited and impressed as if we were a remote medieval monastery being visited by endum, the same spin doctors and the Vatican's Cardinal secretary of state, the real power behind the throne of holy mother church.

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IN SRIEF

Spin doctoring is not new however. It is merely the new name for a very old art. Anybody who has read of how Joe Kennedy intimidated and bribed journalists and TV companies into showing his sons in the best possible light will recognise all the old tricks in their modern form.

Of course, not many of today's spin doctors have the sort of money that allowed Joe Kennedy to drive around Washington in November 1958 buying up every available copy of Time magazine merely because the front cover displayed Hubert Humphrey, at that time John Kennedy's main rival for the Democratic nomination.

rather unpleasant atmosphere around the spin doctors is that nowadays most of their efforts seem to be devoted to rubbishing members of their own party. Recently we have seen the systematic off-the-record rubbishing of David Clark and Chris Smith in the hope that this will open the way for a few vacancies in the Cabinet.

Even more cynical has been the way in which potential Labour canway in which possible and suppositive in an didates for mayor have been built up could do to unite the party, I couldn't circumstances makes Question Time

overtake me in the polls. Thus in the that she is "too wooden".

This week the same fate befell Trevor Phillips. Having been given the high-profile role of organising the Yes campaign in the London referback room "experts" who advised him throughout have been the very people briefing the press about the education of his children in a private school

Nor is it only the minor players on the Labour stage who get treated this way. No one is ever likely to forget Number 10's rubbishing of Gordon Brown as "psychologically flawed" following the publication of his authorised biography.

Although spin doctors are very good at spinning about their own omnipotence, when we examine the record, they're actually not much good. On the morning following the rebellion of 47 Labour MPs against the cut in single-parent child benefit, I turned on the radio to hear on the lead What seems to have created a their unpleasant atmosphere around e spin doctors is that nowadays most their efforts seem to be devoted to drey Wise and Lynne Jones, and I had only had a walk-on role, I put this down to a touch of sexism.

Given that I had spoken to the Labour Chief Whip the night before and had been impressed by his passionate belief that we had to put the row



LIVINGSTONE

The need to be 'on-message' in all circumstances has made Prime Minister's Questions a sick joke

believe that I was headed for the chop. I thought I had better check to be sure, so I cancelled my early morning meeting and went straight into the Whips Office where I was told not to worry - the story had come from David Hill the spin doctor in Number 10 who seemed to be trying to create the impression that we were about to get the smack of firm government. No one from Number 10 had checked with the whips about whether they planned to take action, but because David Hill was one of the most senior spin doctors it was inevitable that the story would lead BBC news bulletins.

The problem with the power of the spin doctors is that allied with the ambition of Labour MPs for office, we end up with the suppression of open public debate. The need to be "on-mesbehind us and that he would do all he sage" and supportive in all

a rather sick joke. This is being reinforced every time some ambitious wannabe trots out garbage which is not only inaccurate but something they themselves clearly don't believe in. The best example recently was the soon-to-be Lord Toby Harris's explanation that the low turnout in the referendum on the London mayor was caused by voters being disturbed about speculation of who would be the candidate!

Before the General Election, Labour's most damaging row was over Harriet Harman's choice of school for one of her children, Labour spin doctors were warned of this story in the run-up to Christmas but took no action until the issue blew up in their face in the New Year, when parliament was in full session.

Any cynical spin doctor worth their pay would have had the good sense to give the story to the paper two days before Christmas knowing that it is almost impossible to revive a story after the Christmas break when parhament isn't sitting.

The dramatic and much more damaging row over whether or not we were going to join monetary union when it starts in 1999 showed the problems of having too many spin doctors spinning for different masters.

It is not, of course, just politicians who get bullied by the spin doctors. Their main target is journalists. Screaming obscenities at journalists and withholding stories from them as a form of punishment has slowly had its effect. I am now surprised by how many journalists are prepared to reveal their confidential sources. To curb the spin doctors, editors

cident back in 1985. Bernie Grant, then leader of Haringey Council, and myself, were invited by the BBC TV South East News with the Metropolitan Commissioner of Police, Sir Kenneth Newman. We were both delighted as Sir Kenneth had refused ever to be held publicly accountable for his poli-

When Sir Kenneth arrived, his press officer was appalled to realise that Sir Kenneth was not to be interviewed on his own and even worse would be questioned by Bernie and I. The press officer furiously rounded on the BBC producer: "Sir Kenneth is not appearing with those shits". The BBC producer stood his ground and pointed out that we were elected representatives of Londoners and if Sir Kenneth wasn't prepared to appear, his chair would be left empty and the presenter would announce why.

The time has come for editors and producers to form a cartel to resist the spin doctors. They need to agree together to reduce the amount of anonymous briefing they are prepared to report and insist that in future these stories must be attributable.

They should also agree that they will not allow politicians or spin doctors to be told the nature of questions in advance of interview or influence the choice of interviewer. Sadly, given the closeness of New Labour to so many figures in the media such a cartel is going to remain my private fantasy. The only other way to curtail the problem is if Tony Blair decides he wants to. He could start being extremely rude to all the brown-nosers at Question Time.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I think when his emotions and his intellect are harmonised then you'll see the entire process starting to click" Gerry Adams on David Trimble

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"In a mad world only the mad are sane" Akira Kurosawa. Japanese filmmaker



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L'Est Republicain, France We should recognise once and for all that this detestable behaviour has become indissociable from that leather ball. Those who despise the

sport can only conclude that it acts as a battleground for the faithless, lawiess brutes who respect nothing, not even the lives of others.

Bild Zeitung, Germany A French policeman lies in a come, beaten up in the most brutal manner by German rioters. I am ashamed of these inexcusable outrages. It makes me furious how some violent criminals drag the image of Germans abroad through the mud. This cancer of the modern football world must be re**MONITOR**

THE NEWS OF THE WORLD The violence in Lens involving German football fans

Frankfurter Allgemeine The violence committed by German rowdies is a reminder that this kind of modern vandalism is not confined

to England. Chancellor Kohl

was right to speak of a "dis-

grace to our country". Nevertheless, grand statements only underline how helpless we feel towards this.

Le Monde, France This time it's different, much worse - a blood stain now defiles this World Cup. A policeman has been left for dead. showered with blows from iron bars wielded by a commando of German booligans. Whether English or German, football doesn't excite them; it merely shelters them with guilty complacency.

Süddeutsche Zeitung The Hitler salute, often divorced from its political connotations, is guaranteed to provoke riots quickly, and is being used for that effect. German hooligans have laid claim to a means of provocation available only to Ger-

Nazi infiltration of the hooligan scene...but it is time to stop assuming that concerted far-right violence represents no political danger. L'Equipe, France The World Cup will overcome. Hundreds of thou-

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sands of people will still be impassioned by football and their cheers will echo around the stadiums while the forces of law and order stand at the ready.

Die Welt, Germany Hooligans cannot be rehabilitated because they will never learn. That's nothing new. Hooligans are neither typically German nor British. They are incorrigible. It is remarkable how few Europewide steps were taken to prevent this; it almost seems as if there were no European Union.

PANDORA

IT SEEMED almost that Peter Temple-Morris's final break from the Conservative Party was foreseen by the organisers of the Three Counties Show in Malvern last week. The Leominster MP had been told that he was to be seated at Table 1 with the President of the Three Counties Agricultural Society. However, Temple-Morris was just about to sit down when he was led away by the event director to Table 14. Perhaps the move was just as well, as William Hague was sitting on Table 3. Ali parties have denied that the Hague camp was instrumental in this. Had they been in closer proximity, Temple-Morris said, "He would have nodded to me and I would have nodded to him". Surely that would depend on 1107 whether Hague had got wind

of the MP's impending

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NEW YORK'S mayor Rudy Giuliani held a party at his bome last week to celebrate Israel's 50th Anniversary. Mort Zuckerman, owner of the New York Daily News lavished Giuliani with praise at the event saying it is not unusual that the mayor of New York has opened up his home; he has long been a great supporter of the state of Israel". He added that Giuliani was "a person who has shown up at absolutely every occasion on behalf of the state of Israel. He lends his very powerful voice in the cause of ... backing Israel's right to exist". Praise indeed. Perhaps this was all a reaction (as rival the New York Post gleefully points out) to a Daily News cartoon published the day before. The cartoon mocked City Hall's plan for an emergency command centre, depicting Giuliani as Adolf Hitler, sitting in a bunker with an aide saying "Uh, Rudy, there's an Eva Braun to see you." Oops.

KEITH ALLEN, comedian and actor, was a very unhappy man last night. England's dismal failure against Romania did not go down well at an event loosely designed to promote the Canal Building development in Islington. The co-creator of the World Cup anthem "Vindaloo" bravely gave an encore after England's defeat. Despite the show of strength Allen and Blur's Damon Albarn (pictured) were visibly gutted. Not the best time to ask Allen about the artistic integrity of this moronic tune? No. "It's not a f***ing hooligan song, it's a football song. The reason that the right hijacked Jerusalem is that it's emotive. This is a people's song," Allen gently pointed out. "Vindaloo" and "Jerusalem": odd comparison. No curry was served, but that

other staple food of laddism, the kebab, was munched on thoughtfully as "Anarchy in the UK" played over the sound system.

AT THE same time, England's finest demonstrated their "martial spirit" in Toulouse after their team's defeat to Romania. Unfortunately, MP Alan Clark, at the centre of controversy over the fans' behaviour, has no plans as yet to publish any more books on his pet subject, military history. "I don't know what his next project might be," said his office. Alan may be missing a trick here - how about The Charge of the Light Ale Brigade?

WATCH OUT for revolutionary insurrection in the British Library. The Queen is due to open the new building tomorrow, meaning that the Library will be shut for the day. A leftist group called The rank and file British Library Reader" has issued a pamphlet moralising that perhaps Her Majesty might use her day in the Library productively to read up on books dealing with the decline of the monarchy". The pamphlet is even more radical in criticising the restaurant for having the bourgeois cheek to charge £2.80 for an egg sandwich. Agent provocateur is none other than Keith Flett, a recent subject of Newsnight which reported on his prolific turnover of letters to the press in support of various noble causes including the "Beard Liberation Front". Asked if he was simply a professional agitator, he said: "I am a trade union official, so I suppose that is



one facet of it."

word.

Never a truer

Will The Sun stop shining on Page 3?

WHERE HAS she gone, the cynosure of Sun readers' eyes who sparked Clare Short's campaign for a law to cover her up and a thousand student union protest motions?

There are grounds for concern about the safety of the Page 3 girl. Her appearance in the past few weeks has been suspiciously sporadic. Yesterday, she was supplanted with a charming photograph of a World Cup supporter holding up an England flag emblazoned with the words: "Darling - I got a ticket! See U in three weeks

Here is a refreshingly different portrayal of the heterosexual relationship than a picture of Raunchy Roseanne wearing a back-to-front swimsuit, oiled nipples and an expression of boundless goodwill. It would bring a smile to the face of all readers, not just a leer to the lips of the more predictable male.

Page 3 is becoming The Sun's Clause IV. Modernisers inside the paper want to ditch it on the grounds that it looks outdated and puts off female readers. Traditionalists believe that it represents the core identity of the paper and that to ditch it would accelerate, not



ANNE **McELVOY** Page 3 is the Sun's

Clause 4. Modernisers want to ditch it, to the fury of traditionalists

stem, the paper's circulation woes. There is something fascinating about the decline of a national icon which has inspired loyalty and out-rage for so long in equally fervent measure. When I embarked on exhaustive research about the reasons for Page 3's demotion (this column spares itself no exertion), The Sun's response was strangely anxious. David Yelland, the new Ed-

itor, issued the following on-therecord quote from New York, specially for soaraway Independent readers: "There are a lot of surprises in store at The Sum. It's a great read and it's only 28 pence."

This reminds me of the kind of communique they used to issue after Eastern Bloc politiburos had changed course but were damned if they were going to admit it. The paper has already run a defensive leading article: "Yes folks, the breast is yet to come." Tabloidologists promptly concluded that a mammary-war was raging inside

the paper. Why should the people who steer the destiny of Britain's top-selling daily paper be so unsure about the future of their prize asset?

The readiness to review Page 3 gives us reason to be cheerful about two things. The first is the embrace beyond the highly educated middle classes of the best of feminist attitudes - the idea that women should be in charge of the course of their own lives rather than reflecting the desires and expectations of men. They are, apparently, weary of endless advice on How To

pendant to Get a Load of These. The feminist cry: "What about me?" seems, finally to be making itself heard even in the bastion of working-class culture.

The second encouraging sign is that those feminists who believed that the only way to achieve this turn of events was by signing petitions, trying to pass laws and barming publications from libraries were wrong. Heaping the opprobrium of non-Sun-reading women on the title had no impact at all. Indeed, Miss Short's campaign and associated jihads against topless pictures probably helped to prolong the slot's life by making it a rallying cause.

The Page 3 girl is the victim not of revolution but of evolution in taste and the perception of female attractiveness. She is vulnerable because she looks increasingly oldfashioned. Soon, she will seem as dated as a 1930s bathing beauty. She is static in a world full of movement. She invites the gaze of others while

photographed doing nothing.

That used to be enough for the aspirants who queued for a chance to seduce the lens. But feminism

Please Your Man in Bed, the natural works in subtle and mysterious ways. The latter-day pin-ups-first Sam For, then Melinda Messenger - exploited the platform provided by their tabloid exploiters to pursue their own ambitious. Without warning, they upped and walked off the

page, out of newspaper aspic.

I have a shrewd idea that The Sun's market research is telling it that fewer teenage girls aspire to become topless models than 10 years ago. It no longer inspires the wannabes who would rather be Spice Giris than Page 3 girls. Spice Girls go round the world, sack their managers, have rows. They are frenetically active, not passive recipients of the stares of others.

Girl power is a tightly circumscribed version of female emancipation, but it is not without force. It. is through popular culture that small girls first get to see women outside the roles of mother or teacher. If silly, static, sexist Page 3 disappears from the country's breakfast tables, so much the better. Women buyers find her an irritation; male ones are bored by ker: She is yesterday's girl, not today's woman.

At last, Mr Trimble has a Big Idea to sell to Ulster

MALONE HOUSE, where on Monday David Trimble depicted a new Unionism based on partnership and mutual respect, commands a view over many County Down drumlins, the little hills that give the countryside its basket-of-eggs appearance.

Estyn Evans, an academic with a rare gift for blending geography and history, once related those fertile hills to the politics of the Protestants who farmed them. "I suspect that people living in such closed-in lowlands with restricted horizons tend to have a limited vision and imagination," he wrote.

"I always like to contrast that kind of hidden landscape - Protestant landscape, shall I say? - with the open, naked bogs and hills which are naturally areas of vision and imagination, which are poetic and viand which represent the other tradition in Ulster."

David Trimble has long been aware that Ulster Unionism has traditionally suffered from the view that it is negative, defensive and backward-looking; that it needs to climb out of the trenches. Nationalists have had the better tunes, the better poets, the better dreams.

Four years ago, Mr Trimble told loyalists on the Shankill Road that what Unionism desperately needed was a Big Idea to allow it to become pro-active rather than perpetually reactive. He admitted he did not know what this new concept might be.

Back then the Unionist Party was led by James Molyneaux, who took pride in the siege mentality. He once compared his role to that of "a general with an army that isn't making anything much in terms of territorial gains but has the satisfaction of

repulsing all attacks on the citadel." This blocking game was clearly not going to suffice in the era of the peace process and the hope for bright new beginnings. This week,



DAVID McKITTRICK

This course is fraught with dangers – Unionism is confused and his own party is a shambles

nearly three years after becoming leader, Mr Trimble finally came up eschewed violence and were seen to be committed to peaceful means.

The speech was studded with words such as diversity, inclusive, tolerance, constructive and respect for each other's traditions. It concluded with a vision of a future "when each may grasp his neighbour's hand as friend". This is not the normal stuff of Unionist speeches; in particular it is not the traditional stuff of speeches made in election campaigns, with voters preparing to go to the polls tomorrow.

Appeals to tribal loyalty are more common than his evocation of a new Northern Ireland "in which pluralist Unionism and constitutional nationalism can speak to each other with the civility that is the foundation of freedom".

Cynics are already saying that this is rhetoric without substance: where, they ask, is the appeal to Orangemen to curb their marching instiricts, where the explicit readiness

to work with, or even talk to, Sim Fein without the familiar, blocking pre-conditions.

This was certainly an astute election move. In last month's referendum on the Good Friday agreement, well over 100,000 people turned out who had never voted before. Many of them came because they believed a more constructive politics was on offer, and voted yes.

Mr Trimble clearly wants to inspire them to come out again and to cast their votes for him. He is also looking for SDLP transfers which, under proportional representation, could help him win several valuable seats. Re-casting Unionism in a more constructive light makes sense in terms of electoral tactics.

Yet this is a course fraught with dangers. Unionism is confused and fragmented, its voters spread across ship with nationalists, so long as they is a mess, largely because many of its important members have refused to follow the new Trimble line. His parliamentary party is a shambles, six of his 10 Ulster Union-

ist MPs in open revolt against him. He has lost the support of almost all the "baby barristers," the up-andcoming younger members who seemed set to provide the next generation of Unionist MPs. Some senior party members are running against him in the election as antiagreement independents.

To prevail, he must make a successful appeal to the Unionist electorate over the heads of those who cling to the old order. He is banking on the hope that a clear majority of Protestants are prepared to step into the political unknown.

His judgement on this is probably right. Unionists are accused of being inward-looking, conservative, cautious and suspicious of change. Their traditional political slogans include "No Surrender", "Not an



David Trimble: promoting pastnership with nationalists PA

inch", and "What we have we hold". together, to visit the relatives of two essarily a natural one. Some Unionists actively relish their bigotry, but many others plainly yearn to be rid of the sectarian yoke they

have been lumbered with. Some of that seemed to be in Mr Trimble's mind on Monday. In the early phase of his leadership he attempted to compete with the Rev Ian Paisley, but now he has struck out determinedly for the centre. At Malone House he had the air of someone engaged in something greater han a simple pitch for votes: he gave the sense of a man who had made

an important psychological choice. Embracing the peace process, or even part of its philosophy of inclusiveness, cannot have been easy, for he has spent years opposing it. But he and many Unionists are making a journey from the negative to the positive, a journey all the more in-

structive for being so so painful. One important turning-point came in March when he and SDLP deputy leader Seamus Mallon went,

But while this has been the tra-men, one Catholic and one Protesditional state of affairs it is not nec- tant, who were killed by loyalists in Poyntzpass.

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This was evidently a deeply moving experience. On Monday there was a lump in Mr Trimble's throat when he spoke of shared suffering and of a force "which made us mark each other's bereavements, and feel for each other's losses as parents, sisters, husbands, wives and brothers".

There is so much mistrust in Northern Ireland politics that it will take a long time for nationalists to accept that this politician may have turned a new corner, and that Unionism is capable of being re-fashioned to include the concepts of inclusiveness and partnership.

This was not a de Klerk-style conversion. But there was at Malone House a strong sense of a new personal outreach, of a political leader saying to his supporters that a new start is possible, that the era of politics of trench warfare may be over, and that the time has come to look to new horizons.

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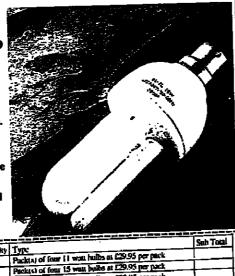
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How do we save the children?

large, it is still not widely known that, since the end of the Cold War, the nature of war has been transformed. Wars are now largely fought within countries rather

than between them. Most of today's armed conflicts are taking place in poor countries. And the casualties of war are now overwhelmingly civilians rather than soldiers. One consequence of this historical shift is that vulnerable people, particularly women and children, are now amongst the principal victims of war.

In the past decade alone, an estimated two million children have died in wars and a further six million children have been seriously injured or permanently disabled. But children can also kill, as well as be killed. In perhaps the ultimate corruption of the innocence of childhood, in many recent wars children have been forced to carry out atrocities themselves. In Rwanda, during the genocide of 1994, some children were even forced to kill members of their own families.

Faced with these chilling realities, it is hard not to agree with Graca Machel that "more

AMONGST THE public at and more of the world is being drawn into a desolate moral vacuum... a space devoid of the most basic human values". I want to focus my remarks

on three areas. First, the need to strengthen adherence to international human rights law and the laws of war, amongst both governments and armed opposition groups. In the past, enforcement has focused on states. But we must also ensure that armed opposition groups are

held responsible for their war A second critical area that I want to highlight concerns the care and rehabilitation of children who have been the victims of war. My Department supports a range of projects to assist children affected by conflict. In northern Uganda

we have provided support to children who have been abducted and abused by the Lord's Resistance Army. We have also been involved in Rwanda and Angola in family tracing and reunification programmes. And in various counbries we have been involved in the demobilisation of soldiers,

including child soldiers. Prevention is, of course, al-



CLARE SHORT

From a speech given by the International Develobment Secretary to a UN symposium at the Law Society

ways better than cure. The third area I want to highlight is therefore the need for greater international support to reduce the incidence of violent conflicts, and the involvement of children.

Child protection in war cannot be isolated from the wider conflict prevention and development agenda. A recent paper by the OECD's Development Assistance Committee lists the 34 developing

the poverty eradication targets. Twenty of these countries armed conflict or have only recently emerged from it. While there is no simple formula for preventing wars or for peace building, we know the conditions that tend to generate

We know that where people suffer economic marginalisation and where inequalities are growing, the risks of violent conflict are higher.

Our development approach is therefore geared to promoting a pattern of economic growth that benefits all sections of society, alongside support for good governance.

human rights and the law. Reducing the risks of armed conflict also should involve tighter controls over the flow of arms, particularly small arms and ammunition, to regions of tension. The British government has been instrumental in getting agreement to a European Code of Conduct on arms exports. We are also taking action on illicit arms flows and

flows of ammunition. We must search more ac-

countries furthest away from peace and development in Somalia, Angola, Sierra Leone and other war-torn countries. are either in the midst of It is not good enough for us to provide humanitarian assistance until conflicts burn themselves out

Those of us who are anxious to minimise the use of force often call for the use of sanctions instead of military action. While the purpose of sanctions is to push rogue governments into better behaviour, it is too often innocent civilians, particularly children, who bear the cost of sanctions.

We need to identify "smarter sanctions" that safeguard the innocent, but provide the most effective levers to influence those governments breaching humanitarian norms. My department has undertaken some preliminary work on this issue. I am keen that we develop a more informed debate

that helps to refine sanctions. To conclude, great injustice and cruelty often produce anger and despondency in equal measure. But cruelty against children elicits still deeper feelings of outrage. Our common task :

is to surely turn that tively for a means of building outrage into action.

When divorce is best for children



SUZANNE MOORE

We need to learn how to make up families as well as how to tear them apart

EVERYONE KNOWS what is bad for children these days. Artificial additives, Teletubby overload and, of course, divorce. The children of divorcing parents will be aggressive, withdrawn and anxious. They may suffer low self-esteem, wet the bed, take drugs and many years later end up reproducing such misery by failing to sustain long-term relationships. Fathers lose contact with children, mothers become poorer, and boys especially suffer.

If all of this, or indeed any of it. is true, then we need to worry, as already one in five children experiences the separation of their parents. To judge by recent rates of divorce, four in ten new marriages will not be till death us do part. Are we therefore producing generations of socially distressed misfits who pay the price for their parents' selfishness? It all depends on where you stand - both personally and politically. Those with direct experience of divorce understand that this is an immensely fraught and complex issue with no easy answers. Those with a political axe to grind cite various surveys to show that divorce inevitably damages children.

In a right-wing scenario, divorce is the product of a quest for individual gratification at the expense of the well-being of children. It is part of modern society's inability to compromise personal happiness for the sake of the social good. I have always rather liked Auberon Waugh's comment that the children of divorced parents should be put to death, as it seems the logical conclusion of much Conservative huffing and puffing. Those who want to find fuel for this argument need only read Hanif Kureishi's recent novella, Intimacy. Here they can find almost a parody of a self-obsessed and immature man who leaves his partner and children because he really is an existentialist, and really has a younger girlfriend.

The "liberal" view on divorce, which obviously I share, though divorce is not a personal favourite of mine, is one \bar{I} would categorise as and clearly related to female economic independence. People get out of marriages in greater numbers than ever before because they can afford to. I do not see how couples who loathe each other can be persuaded to stay together for the sake of the children although, of



Many studies find that children are more likely to do well in lone-parent families than they are in step-families

orce suffer more because they are feelings about divorce. A new study likely to be living with their mothers produced by the Joseph Rowntree on less money and in poorer hous-Foundation serves a useful purpose in reviewing 200 studies from the ing, or because they are emotionlast three decades. Some of them ally traumatised by their parents' separation? Where the report is usecontradict each other, some have no ful, is in dispelling certain myths control groups or are based on tiny about divorce. It does not appear to samples, some are inconclusive. Overwhelmingly, however, I would be true, for instance, that boys are suggest that they tell us what we almore severely affected and therefore more inclined to be delinquent ready know. First, it's impossible to than girls; it's just that in the genisolate the one factor in a child's life that serves as a sole cause of diseral population boys are more inadvantage. Do the children of divclined to be delinquent than girls.

When children do appear to suffer it is more to do with material deprivation than with divorce. The Rowntree report finds, when it compares educational attainment of the children of "intact families" to that there is no real difference when socio-economic factors have been taken into account. In the words of the report, there is "no simple or direct relationship between parental separation and children's adjustment".

The glaring subtext of this study is that what is bad for children is not divorce but poverty. I think it is important that we understand this. In-stead of having government increasingly trying to regulate our private lives and various moralists trying to turn the clock back, we need to realise that the impover-ishment of women and children has to be addressed if we really do care about the future of our children.

We more or less know already what a "good" divorce is. Those who view divorce as a process rather than a single event are more likely to be able to support their children. Conflict, rather than separation itself, is bad for children. Parental death does not carry the same risks for children as divorce. Most children wish that their parents could stay together but if they can't, they want to maintain contact with both parents. The quality of that contact is as important as the quantity. Younger children tend to fare better than older ones, but those who fare best are those who are told what is going on. The development of non-adversarial techniques for parents is extremely important if divorcing couples are not to end up divorcing their children.

It is also easier for children today in that they are less stigmatised by their parent's separation. When I fell over at school my PE teacher was so shocked that I had a different surname to my mother's, as she had remarried, that instead of taking me to hospital she quizzed me about what it was like to come from a "broken home". Was it painful? Yes, I eventually screamed, for I was less concerned about my broken home than my broken wrist.

What this study inadvertently highlights is not just the effect of divorce but the reality of Nineties Britain, where increasing numbers of children live in step-families. Adults may create step-families in the hope that they will simply replicate and replace nuclear families. This is not the case, and step-families may not always be good for children. Indeed, many studies find that children are likely to do better in lone parent families than they are in step-families. Inevitably, as serial monogamy takes over, the stepfamily will be increasingly common. In the US, which has a lower divorce rate than ours, it is estimated that one third of all children will be

It is this, I suggest, that we should concentrate on when we look seriously at the consequences of divorce. The restructuring of families. as well as their breakdown, can be damaging. Though this may be the way we live now, there is still little acknowledgement of the real diversity of family life.

Pundits and politicians still talk of the undermining of family life and marriage as though family life meant exactly the same thing to everyone. Yet who are these people who split up and reconstitute themselves, if not families? We need to learn how to make up families as well as how to tear them apart, for divorce is no longer the final curtain, just the end of the first act.

OF REPLY

CHARLES LEADBEATER



The think-tank Demos responds to our recent coverage of its

controversial ideas FOR A think-tank, press coverage is a double-edged sword. Think-tanks need headlines. But, on the other hand, a journalist filing a story needs to make a story interesting. Often this means turning a speculative half-sentence in a 40,000-word report into a lurid proposal - whether it's the suggestion of 10-year marriages, the right of children to veto divorces or a supposed justification for journalists to

The coverage in The Independent of our report on the family illustrates these points nicely. It was honest and fair by the standards of most press coverage but inevitably most of it consisted of a few colourful comments taken out of context, while the more fundamental points, about how little we as a society value the work done by families, largely got lost.

It's interesting to compare the media coverage with our real impact. In Demos's case. 90 per cent of the most important work has been done away from the glare of the media. Often we have found that the little-noticed reports have turned out to be most useful to practitioners.

The media also likes to use labels. Today many journalists like to describe Demos as a new Labour think-tank, yet most senior Labour figures have seen us as dangerously radical and heretical. Demos has at one time or another upset almost every part of the modern establishment: from right-wing tabloids to university feminists.

We don't complain about how the media treats us, although we have been vilified. It is far better to think imaginatively, than it is to fall into what are still too often the besetting sins of British public complacency and corrosive cynicism that sees it always as cleverer to be against things than to undertake the harder job of thinking how things could be different.

A life as a Gothic fantasy

WILLIAM BECKFORD (1760-1844) is an important link between the Augustan and the Romantic Ages. The richly decorated caves and grottoes of Fonthill Splendens, the Wiltshire estate on which he was brought up, recall Alexander Pope's retreat at Twickenham, while his oriental fantasy Vothek, and his scandalous sexual career, look for-

ward to Lord Byron. Beckford's principal monuments are Vathek, which he wrote in French aged 21 and which (according to Timothy Mowl) owes much of its reputation to its English translator, and Fonthill Abbey. the vast Gothic pile he built during his middle years, which fell down shortly after he had sold it. What makes Beckford a seminal pre-Romantic figure, however, was the way he conducted his life, and how everything he wrote or designed was a reflection of his extra-

ordinary personality. This makes him an ideal subject for a biography, and he has already attracted the attention of several writers. Mowl has published an enjoyable revisionist biography of that other Gothic enthusiast, Horace Walpole. He clearly hoped to perform the same service here, explaining that Beckford rewrote his own history so thoroughly that it has often been difficult for previous biographers to sort fact from fiction.

Beckford had good reason to doctor his life, since at the age of 19 he fell in love with an 11-year-old boy, William Courtenay, with whom, five years later, he was publicly accused of having a sexual relationship. Unlike some of Beckford's earlier biographers, Mowl is in no doubt that the affair was consummated by the time Courtenay was 13. "Not many people these days strike attitudes about homosexuals, but paedophilia remains another thing," he observes, referring nonsensically to "an area grey to the point of sooty blackness". Mowl



course, I know of arrangements in

which this supposedly works. One

of my best friends was brought up

by parents who never spoke to

each other directly. I would not de-

people. In fact some of the maddest

characters I have ever encountered

were once the very children that

their parents stayed together "for

has latched on to certain pieces of

research to shore up their own

Over the years, though, everyone

ribe her as the best adjusted of

WEDNESDAY BOOK

WILLIAM BECKFORD: COMPOSING FOR MOZART BY TIMOTHY MOWL, JOHN MURRAY, £22

may not understand what a grey area is, but he recognises the value of sen-

No one has seriously doubted that Beckford was attracted to adolescents. Even in 1957, Alexander Boyd's Life at Fonthill has an extensive index entry for Boys". It is worth noting for the sake of historical context that one 14-year-old

18-year-old wife. But then Mowl also describes Beckford as a "barely socialised psychopath", a judgement his book

does nothing to substantiate. Although Beckford was married when the scandal broke, and his wife stood by him, he was forced into temporary exile. His attempt to return to England after her death was thwarted by his disapproving mother, who ordered "stripling" he admired already had an

WEDNESDAY POEM

GHAZAL OF THE DEAD CHILD BY FEDERICO GARCIA LORCA, TRANSLATED BY CHRISTOPHER MAURER

Every afternoon in Granada, Every afternoon a child dies. Every afternoon the water sits down To converse with its friends.

The dead wear wings of moss. The clouded wind and clean wind Are two pheasants that fly around the towers

And the day is a wounded boy.

No blade of lark remained in the air When I found you in the wine caverns. No crumb of cloud remained on the When you were drowning in the

A giant of water fell upon the hills

And the valley went tumbling, with dogs and iris. Your body, in the violet shadow of my hands,

Dead on the bank, was an archangel of cold.

Lorca was born near Granada in June 1898. This poem comes from 'A Season in Granada' (Anvil Press, £7.95), Christopher Maurer's edition of his uncollected poetry and prose.

him to Jamaica, where the family owned extensive sugar plantations. Beckford got as far is Lisbon, where

he wrote a frank and amusing journal which Mowl judges "the best English travel book of the 18th century". Unfortunately Beckford felt unable to publish the journal, written "without any attempt to either dramatise or conceal

his sexual nature", during his lifetime. In Portugal Beckford was introduced to a 17-year-old Italian music student, Gregorio Franchi, who fell in love with him and became the recipient of his most unguarded, amusing letters. Beckford eventually returned to England and set about building Funthill, a house modelled as a cathedral and dedicated to his beloved St Anthony of Padua.

He was dubbed by Byron "England's wealthiest son", but by the time building began under the supervision of James Wyatt, revenues from the plantations, which in his father's time had brought in £30,000-£100,000 a year, had dwindled alarmingly. Beckford's ambitions soared with the abbey; a 276-ft octagonal tower was added, "propped up not by buttresses but by bedrooms, a crazy supporting ziggurat of bachelor rooms" - with inevitable results.

It would be hard to write a dull book about Beckford, but this one has its longueurs. Despite a pompous announcement that it is "intended for the informed, intelligent reader", he does not always write sensibly or well though he does make a case for Beckford's secure place in the history of English aesthetics. "Beckford's imagination was not commonplace," he writes, "it was commanding. He built what he dreamed, and over his 84 years he dreamed his way with a flexible sensibility across the whole range of Romantic feeling, usually several years in advance of the great Romantic poets."

PETER PARKER

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Benny Green

the mystery of musical creation for the layman. An enthusiastic jazz saxophonist as well as a witty and versatile writer and broadcaster, he was able to write lucidly about the problems facing composers and performers. He knew that the musician "is a hired hand pledged to making the fortune of the bandleader with whom he is expected to reach a relationship of grovelling

To many he was the quintessential Londoner but by birth Green was a Yorkshireman. He was horn Bernard Green in Leeds in 1927, the son of a musician; at the age of 14 his father taught him to play the soprano saxophone. Years later he dedicated a book to "my father, easily the best musician in the family Having mastered the rudiments of the instrument he continued his studies with a private tutor and it

I don't think Bennu Green did a day's work in his life. All he ever did was enjoy himself doing the things he loved

was then that he switched to the

He studied for a while at the Royal College of Music, but the hankering to become a full-time musician was strong and in the summer of 1952 he joined the planist Ralph Sharon's short-lived big band. Later that same year a dispute within the ranks of Jack Parnell's Orchestra caused half a dozen key players to leave, including Ronnie Scott, Jimmy Deuchar and Phil Seaman. Scott decided to form a nine-piece and of his own and Green joined his group of young hopefuls on

In later years he wrote amusingly of Scott's strategy "to get booked into he dance halls, and then play uncompromising jazz when we got here". The music was exciting, the eturns minimal and Green recalled perhaps not with perfect truth) trying to work out how many times ine went into £14 6s 5d at the end

By now he had another string to us bow and was writing a weekly col-

BENNY GREEN did much to unlock was to give him more prominence than he might have achieved as a working musician.

The Ronnie Scott nine-piece band was replaced by Scott's big band, still with Benny Green in the sax section. in February 1956 Stan Kenton brought his orchestra to Britain as part of an exchange negotiated by the American and British unions. For non-musical reasons two of Kenton's saxophonists returned home during the four and for two nights Green was called upon to play baritone in the American band, an event which provided him with material for more amusing tales.

He played in a quintet with the trumpeter Dizzy Reece in 1957 but by now his various writing commitments were taking precedence. In the early Sixties he and I judged some of the Inter University Jazz contests, assessing the musical achievements of burgeoning players such as Dave Gelly, Art Themen and Bill Ashton. In the mid-Sixties he chaired BBC radio's Jozz Club, taking over from Steve Race.

In 1962 he published The Reluctant Art five studies in the growth of jazz, hucid essays on style setters such as Lester Young and Billie Holiday. Many more books were to come including two novels with a musical bias, Blame it on My Youth (1967) and 58 Minutes to London (1969), and works of music criticism including Drums in My Ears (1973).

Green's literary talents were wide: in 1964 he wrote the book and lyrics for the opera-ballet Lysistrato (music by John Dankworth), which was performed at that year's Bath Festival with Cleo Laine in the starring role; he had his own latenight talk show on Rediffusion TV in 1966 and also produced three documentaries about London for them. In 1968, again working with John Dankworth, he wrote the book and lyrics for Boots And Strawberry Jam, a musical biography based on the life of George Bernard Shaw and starring Cleo Laine and John Neville. The show was staged at Nottingham Playhouse and received good reviews, but failed to achieve London booking.

In 1970 Green took over as literary critic for the Spectator and about the same time started writing film reviews for Punch. He wrote the libretto for the London revival of Showboat, which opened at the Adelphi Theatre in July 1971, again with Cleo Laine.

From his earliest days Benny Green was fascinated by the music Great American Song-Book was a topic to which he returned again and again. In collaboration with Alan first anniversary of Lerner's death, Strachan he devised a Cole Porter he beginning of a new career which at the Mermaid Theatre in July 1974 sentation of An Evening with Alan one-hour shows devoted to the this one, driven by a blazing passion was Gerry Hjert, whose hobby was 22 June 1998.

with a cast including Una Stubbs, Bill Kerr and Julia McKenzie.

The music of masters such as Porter, Kern, Berlin, Rodgers and Gershwin provided Green with ample opportunities to present fascinating programmes on his longrunning Sunday afternoon show on BBC Radio 2 as well as introducing obscure or forgotten works by lesser known composers. He also fossuch as Johnny Mercer, Michael Feinstein and Alan J. Lerner. On the in June 1987, Green provided the inJ. Lerner with artistes such as Elaine Paige, Tim Rice and Andre Previn. (This was a charity event to raise funds for research into hung cancer at the Royal Marsden Hospital.) He later compiled a book of Lerner's lyrics under the title A Humn To Him.

Benny Green was a true professional in the writing field. He wrote prolifically on cricket and edited sevreducing over 40 hours of interview imm for the New Musical Express, review entitled Cole which opened troductions for the Drury Lane pre-material into the scripts for 13

work of Fred Astaire for television. Last year he played the central

role in a memorial service for Ronnie Scott held at St Martin-in-the-Fields. He bought humour to a potentially sad occasion, for despite all his achievements in the literary field, he remained at heart a

Alan Morgan

of Broadway and Hollywood and the tered friendships with craftsmen eral anthologies from Wisden. He I have to declare an interest - or, sire to play his saxophone. For produced most of the liner-notes more accurately, a disinterest: I weeks it stayed in its case, and for Norman Granz's Pablo series know nothing about music and Benny seemed locked away with it. of jazz albums and succeeded in musicians, writes Jack Rosenthal. One Sunday afternoon, some friends On the other hand, I do know a called round to our house. One was ried 1962 Antoinette Kunal (three character when I see one. And the composer Denis King; another sons, one doughter); died London

for a world that had always left me only tepid, was a joy to know. I don't think Benny Green did a day's work in his life. For over half a century all he did was play jazzsamphone, write lyrics for musicals, books about musicians, books about cricket and broadcast hundreds of analyses of songwriters and their songs. In other words, all he ever did was enjoy himself doing the things he loved. Boy, how he loved them.

And tolking about them ... Two years ago Benny did a stint on the QE2's "Jazz Cruise" to New York, playing the sax with his son Dominic, and lecturing on Gershwin with his wife, Toni. It so happened that Annie Ross was on the same trip doing a spot, and Maureen Lipman doing excerpts from her stage show. I went along in my official capacity as hanger on and Maureen's hnehend

Each mealtime the five of us shared a table. We'd open our menus and Toni would say perhaps: "Smoked salmon, Benny?" Whereupon Benny would close his menu, let his head drop onto his chest as though addressing his cutlery and pronounce: "Talking of smoked salmon, Tommy Dorsey was once doing a gig in Chicago, he was 24 at the time, no, sorry 25, and halfway through his trombone solo which, as you know, would usually have called for a bucket-mute ... " And the entertainment would begin. Whatever subject we blithely though we were discussing - and this with one of the most well-read men I've ever met -Benny always managed, within seconds, to be reminded of an anecdote. About Tommy Dorsey Or Jimmy Or George Gershwin. Or Ira. Or Cole Porter Or Irving Berlin. Or - for a little variation - Denis Compton. Or Leslie. Or any of his beroes. If not all.

Compared to Benny, Scheherazade hardly opened her mouth. So many stories, all delivered in that distinctive voice that seemed to be wisely nodding its head, or winking or raising one eyebrow. At the end of the meal, Toni might ask: "Tea or colfee?" To which the response was conceivably: "Talking of coffee, when Lorenz Hart was working on the lyric of Blue Moon, he had a call from Johnny Mercer, who, as everyone knows ..."

A few years ago, when Benny was in the early, ominous stages of his illness and undergoing chemotherany, he slipped into an understandable but, for him, uncharacteristic depression. The most telling symptom of this was his loss of any de-

collecting old musical instruments. And yes, he had with him one he'd picked up that day. And yes again, it was a saxophone. We called Benny and Toni to come and join us.

They arrived, but Benny declined the next invitation - to "try out" Jerry's sax. Extreme measures seemed called for While Denis sat innocuously tinkling the plano keys, I got out my violin and two books of sheet music - songs of the Thirties and Forties. If I have one fairly noticeable failing in my violin-playing it's my total inability to play one, single correct note. Sharps and flats pass me by without a backward glance. Minims, crotchets and whatever the others are called are wasting their time. Denis accompanied my recital manfully, if wincingly.

And Benny began to laugh. There were always two pleasures in watching Benny laugh. One was the childlike sense of approval you felt. The other was that when he laughed he laughed till he cried. That afternoon he cried a lot. Finally he wiped his eyes, asked to borrow Gerry's saxophone and - in a last-ditch defence of the precious music I was mangling - he played. Beautifully

Benny Green was largely selfeducated. (In his School Certificate he got 0 per cent in Physics. Apparently writing nothing more than "B. Green - Physics" at the top of the page wasn't enough.) His reading became, like his cricket and ... music, not just something to enjoy but to argue about. Criticise his beloved George Bernard Shaw and you were in danger of having a book (or cricket-bat or sazophone) thrown at you. I think he'd insist with pride that he wasn't the most unopinionated of men. He didn't suffer fools at all, gladly or otherwise.

But he was a man of great, giving warmth. With his love for music came a ferocious love of life. I don't think I know of a closer family than his: his adored and adoring Toni, his loving and beloved Justin, Dominic, Leo and Natasha. He fought courageously against his illness for 15 years. He may have finally lost his battle, but he won his war -- his messignic passion to make as many people as possible enjoy what he did Well, passion is catching. By the end, passion - and mission accomplished

Talking of Chinese horticulture. there was once this slip of a lad, 15 he was, no 14, when he first got up in his Youth Chib and played his saxophone in public. Went by the name of Benny Green ...

phonist, writer and broadcaster: born Leeds 9 December 1937: mor-

Grand Ayatollah Sheikh Mirza Ali al-Gharawi

YATOLLAH ALI al-Gharawi was a to complete his intermediate studprominent marja (source of emuation) for Imami-Twelver Shia Auslims and a great jurist and

He was born in 1930 in Tabriz in ran. His father Haj Asdullah Haj lasan, who was a prosperous merhant and who for a time had had a susiness in Kuba (in present-day zerbaijan), died when Ali was only wo years old so he was brought ip by his mother Sayyida Fezza, he daughter of Sayyid Mohamed Iskui. It was because Ali was a diect descendant of the Prophet Moamed on his mother's side that he ore the title of Mirza, as was the

It seems that it was was due esecially to his mother and her inluence that at the early age of six di embarked upon a traditional regious education with a view to his ventually becoming an alim (reliious scholar). He received all his elmentary education in Tabriz and nen travelled to the holy city of Qorn the one whom he looked upon as his

ies at the religious academy, the Hawzah-ye Elmiyeh, and at the age of 16 he commenced advanced studies. Among his teachers figured the illustrious marja the late Ayatollah Sayyid Husayn Borujerdi and Ayatollah Mohamed Kuhkamari.

Mirza Ali spent 5 years at Qom and then moved to al-Najaf al-Ashraf in Iraq to complete his advanced studies at the Hawzah there - the oldest university in Shia Islam. Now began his intimate association with Najaf which would continue until his death. He became known as ai-Gharawi, which is derived from al-Ghari, the ancient name of Najat, and it was by this surname (nisba) rather than by his original name of

Tabrizi that he came to be identified. His teachers at Najaf included great scholars and jurists such as the late Ayatoliahs Shaikh Husayn al-Hilli and Mirza Mohamed Bagir al-Zanjani but the one to whom he undoubtedly owed the most and

mentor was the late Ayatollah Sayyid Abul-Qasim al-Khoi, one of the most prominent marjas of the whole 20th century.

Still not 30, al-Gharawi was acknowledged as a mujtahid (competent to make independent juridical decisions). Al-Khoi in a written document dated July 1958 testifies to the academic excellence of his pupil and lookes forward to the day when he would become a marjo.

Khoi's wish was eventually fulfilled when Mirza Ali, following the demise of the marja Ayatollah Abd al-Ala al-Sabzevari in August 1993. published his own juridical decisions "al-Fatawa al-Mustanbata" which was the first step for any prospective marja.

As a marja, Ayatoliah Gharawi had followers in Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states. At the same time he was a teacher at the Hawza right up to his death and also one of the imams who led congregational prayers in the sacred enclosure known as the Rawda which contains

the tomb of the first Shia Imam Amir al-Muminin Ali ibn Abi Talib. He is the author of numerous works on figh (Islamic jurisprudence) most of which remain, however, in manuscript form. His published works include a dozen volumes relating to Khoi's lectures on Yazdi's renowned treatise al-Urwa al-Wuthqa replete

with his own annotations. It was Gharawi's wont every Thursday to make the 50-mile journey north to Karbala to pray in the Rawda there and visit the tomb of Imam al-Rusayn, the third Imam and grandson of the Prophet Mohamed. Last Thursday was to be his last visit. Returning home to Najaf on the motorway he was shot dead in a hail of bullets along with his son-in-law Shaykh Mohamed Taqi Faqih (a Lebanese national), the driver and

The Iraqi authorities failed to carry out any thorough police investigation into the incident. Furthermore no funeral procession was allowed nor any public mourning.

a friend.

Gharawi's body was washed in haste and rushed to the cemetery of Wadi al-Salam in Najaf. The ritual prayer over the deceased was said not by an ayatollah, as would have been customary, but by one of Gharawi's students and the body was speedily buried in the presence of a few family members and government

The Iraqi government has of course denied any implication in the murder and accuses hostile foreign agents of the deed. Shia leaders throughout the world however regard the assassination of Gharawi to be simply the latest in a series of crimes planned and perpetrated by the Iraqi Mukhabarat (Intelligence Services). Two months ago another great alim, Ayatollah Murtada al-Burujirdi, was shot dead in Najaf. Both men were outstanding scholars and marjas and were never involved in political activity but nevertheless were spiritual leaders of Shia Iraqis who are looked upon by the regime with con-

Despite the general oppression wrought upon the Shia in Iraq during the past 30 years many Shia ulema still live in the holy city of Najai Grand Ayatollah Ali Seestani, who of all the marjos has the greatest number of followers world-wide, has been under virtual house arrest for three years. Another marja is Ayatollah Sayyid Mohamed Said al-Hakim, grandson, on his mother's side, of the late morjo Muhsin al-Hakim who was the principal marja of all the Shia

before al-Khoi. Sheikh Mohamed Ishaq al-Fayyad, a Pakistani who has lived for the past 50 years in Najaf, is expected by many to seek recognition soon as a marja.

A. B. D. R. Eagle

Mirza Ali al-Tabrizi, religious scholar and jurist born Tabriz. Persia 1930; married Batul Kermanshahi (three sons, five daughters); died Karbala, Iraq 18 June



Gerhard Gundermann

ERHARD GUNDERMANN would ave been there in spirit, on erlin's famous Alexanderplatz ist Saturday with the 20,000 Gerhans from the trade unions, the burches and student bodies who emonstrated against right-wing xtremism and unemployment and

alled for a change of government. He would have also enjoyed the athering of 30,000 in Zwickau, in forier East Germany, who were celeating their Trabant cars. Once the mbol of Communist East Gerlany's failure, they have become a ilt vehicle and remarkably there 'e still 406,000 of these small, "cardpard" cars with their two-stroke ennes licensed. Gundermann would crhaps have sung, "Tell the beggar front of my house that my heart

He regarded himself as a worker rather than an entertainer

give me the newspaper, my heart has got the day off today ... From tomorrow it will pump my blood through all the world again. From tomorrow

it will send an SOS to God again." Gundermann's friends and admirers would say his heart never did take the day off. He became popuas just got the day off today. Don't lar in the early 1990s for his concern,

expressed in his music, about the rising unemployment and social dislocation in the former (East) German Democratic Republic (GDR) since reunification in 1990. He also had a certain pride in the achievements of the East German people. This was understandable considering his background

Gerhard Gundermann was born in Weimar, then in the GDR, in 1955. Weimar is a town which forces you to think. It is steeped in Germany's cultural history, the town of Goethe and Schiller, the town where the Weimar Republic was proclaimed in 1919. When Gundermann was growing up it harboured a secret: Weimar was also the town of the philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche, who died there in 1900. The Communist rulers of Gundermann's

tioned. Nietzsche's house did not appear in the tourist literature. Nearby was the museum of the notorious Nazi concentration camp of Buchenwald. The camp also served the Soviet occupiers after the Second World War, which was another fact not mentioned in Gundermann's youth.

Gundermann grew up with the Soviet armed forces ever present. At school and in the media they were presented as the liberators; many inhabitants of Weimar thought otherwise. Gundermann's parents were respectable working class, his father was a master watchmaker, his mother worked in a storage depot. As a bright child Gerhard was given the opportunity to gain his Abitur. He was then enrolled, in 1973, at the army officers' college at Löbau, 1971, and he introduced longer hol-

childhood did not want that fact men-near Görlitz, on the German-Polish frontier. The college was named after Ernst Thalmann, the Communist leader in pre-war Germany who was murdered by the Nazis. In 1975 he left the college and was sent to work as an unskilled labourer in the brown coal industry.

Gundermann had shown an early interest in music, having joined a glee club in Hoyerswerda in 1972. Although he started to compose his own music and texts in 1973, he remained a member of groups until 1980, when he started to give solo performances. In 1975 Gundermann, aged 20, joined the ruling Socialist Unity Party (SED). This was a time of some optimism. Erich Honecker had replaced Walter Ulbricht as East German leader, in

idays and better social welfare. Relations with West Germany were improved and Honecker signed the Helsinki Final Act, which promised human rights for all. Yet, despite promising a liberal regime in the arts, Honecker moved against dissident intellectuals - singers, painters and writers.

Like so many others, Gundermanu could not square the ideals of Marx with the realities of the GDR. He was expelled from the SED in 1982. Yet he was not prevented from performing. His first LP, Manner, Frauen und Maschinen ("Men, Women and Machines"), came on the market in 1988. This was at a time when Honecker was warning that the GDR would not follow Gor-

bachev's road. After 1989 Gundermann worked

with different pop groups including Silly and G.G. & Seilschaft. In 1990 he was rehabilitated by the post-Honecker SED, which was in the process of transforming itself to become the Party of Democratic Socialism (PDS). Like the PDS Gundermann sought to articulate the fissatisfaction of a section of the East German population and to proclaim the ideals of the libertarian Left.

He still regarded himself as a worker rather than a professional entertainer, and had recently begun training to become a cabinetmaker.

David Childs

Gerhard Gundermann, folk singer: born Weimar, East Germany 21 May 1955; married (three children); died Spreetal, Germany 21

Rodney Gee

RODNEY GEE was a veteran of two

He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 9th Battalion Durham Light Infantry in March 1917 and won the Military Cross on the vineyards of the famous Louis Roederer champagne house near Rheims. His citation was published in the London Gazette on 7 November 1918:

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During two very successful attacks by the battalion, this officer went forward under heavy fire on several occasions to reconnoitre and ascertain the situation. His initiative and resource enabled him to render services of great value to the battalion.

Gee's mentor and inspiration was the famous Colonel Roland Bradford VC. Colonel of the 9th Battalion DLL As Gee went to join his regiment for the 3rd Battle of Ypres, he met several young DLI officers who had been sacked by the very colonel he was going to serve under. However, Gee was clearly regarded as a great hit by Bradford, who had the reputation of being an absolute tartar.
It is said that General Montgomery

to some extent modelled himself on Bradford, who would spend a great proportion of the day with his men (leaving Gee as officer i/c). Bradford was severely reprimanded for this from HQ yet continued to flout orders in protocol and in strategy and actions. Only as a result of lengthy persuasion from Gee did Bradford accept further promotions and leave the battalion. Rodney Gee gained a mention in despatches in the London Gazette of 9 July 1919.

After the war, Gee went up to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and gained a First in Classics in Part I of the Tripos and read English in Part II. In 1922, he joined the staff at Clifton College, where he remained until 1968. His mentor at Clifton was R.P. Keigwin, not only the winner of four Blues and an international hockey cap but a translator of Hans Christian Andersen. Sir Michael Redgrave, who was in Dakyns' House under Keigwin, gave many public readings of his translations. During this period Gee was House Tutor not only to Redgrave but to Trevor Howard as well. Indeed, when Gee was 99 he figured in Roger Michell's production of Michael Redgrave: my father which Corin Redgrave presented.

At Clifton, Gee was an inspirational teacher and housemaster. He was a past master of the red herring and during a Chaucer period regaled his class with his trick of injecting a prune with gin from a hypodermic needle. He followed Keigwin as Housemaster of Dakyns' and incurred the wrath of the headmaster.



'Greet the unseen with a cheer.' Gee on his 100th birthday

A past master of the red herring, during a Chaucer period he regaled his class with his trick of injecting a prune with gin from a hypodermic needle

Bertrand Hallward, when he went away to war again at the age of 42 in early 1940.

On 10 April 1940, he was captured at the little village of Wancourt near Arras. He hid in a barn for a while listening to the German boots. Eventually he was captured, but not before he had hidden his revolver and "giveaway" articles. He was put up against a wall to be shot and Gee was never sure why he and three colleagues were spared.

Qualities learned from Roland Bradford evidently made him a crucial fig- man princess and a nanny with Nazi April 1998.

ure in his prison at Spangenburg Castle near Kassell. Tensions between senior and junior ranks were defused by Gee. In prison he became an excellent cook and stitched wonderful samplers for his young children; on one to his younger daughter, whom he did not see until 1945, he embroidered a Browning quotation: "Greet the unseen with a cheer". He was on the Escape Committee and particularly adept at curbing and restraining the more foolhardy and wayward. Owing to his ability to remain nonchalant and poker-faced during room searches, he was in charge of guarding the radio for much of the time. Towards the end of the war, he was liberated by the Americans and was coopted into fighting with them against pockets of desperate German resistance. For this brief action, he received

On his return to Clifton, recently abandoned by General Omar Bradley's First Army, Gee had the daunting task of starting up a new boarding house, Watson's, which had been closed during the school's evacuation to Bude in Cornwall. Chewing gum sticking to the bottom of benches and chairs was the immediate American legacy. Also, a Ger-

a second mention in despatches.

learings had been hired to look after his youngest child.

These were hardly encouraging portents on the domestic front. However, he captured the loyalty and esteem of his boys and achieved a fine balance between scholarship and sport. He made a hundred on Newbolt's famous Close at the age of 56 and was still playing until he was 70. With flannels vellowing, an impeccable choker around his neck, he was still dispatching off-drives over cover-point's head to the boundary. One evening at Cheddar, when Gee was fielding on the boundary, he suddenly fell over and vanished from sight. He reappeared and his clipped army voice drawled out: "Sorry! Dead sheep

In 1993 he attended Westminster Abbey for the 75th anniversary of the Armistice, which was attended by the Queen Mother, who graciously sent him a telegram on his 100th birthday.

Charles Hinton Rodney Gee, soldier: born Castletown, Sunderland 18 August 1897; MC 1918; married 1938 Nancy Osborne (died 1993: three daughters); died Clifton, Bristol 7

POLITICAL NOTES

MARK MAZOWER

A Europe 'safe for democracy'?

SINCE 1989 democracy has triumphed across Europe, and multi-party elections have even been held in that former bastion of Marxist purity, Albania. The collapse of Communism can easily reinforce the conviction, so deeply rooted in the European consciousness, that ours is the natural home of liberty and free institutions. History, though, tells us a very different story.

Once before, in 1919, it looked as though the world had been made "safe for democracy" and commentators talked of "the universal acceptance of democracy as the normal and natural form of government". Yet nearly all the new parliamentary regimes set up after the First World War, and not a few older ones too, collapsed shortly after. "The present century is the century of authority, a century of the Right, a Fascist century, Mussolini proclaimed. By the 1930s, this did not seem a crazy boast. What is more, Fascism's most vigorous European alternative was none other than Stalin's Soviet Union; the democracies seemed tired and outmoded, the creation of an older generation whose politicians dressed in frock coats and top hats. Returning from Catalonia, George Orwell chafed at the "deep, deep sleep of England" and wondered when it would wake up to the challenges of the modern world.

What saved democracy, of course, was the defeat of Hitler's vision of an authoritarian Europe, and for this we chiefly have to thank the Red Army. Thus it was Communism which gave Europe a second chance at making democracy work. By reforming capitalism in a more humane direction, and by securing long-term American military and financial backing. Western Europe achieved a new kind of stability. Whether it was democracy or capitalism which should take the credit for defeating Communism is a moot point. What is not in doubt is that politics as an activity evokes fewer passions or dreams today than it did in the age of ideology. In the 1990s, the age of marches and torchlit parades is gone for good, along with a certain kind of idealism about the future.

But, if democracy has seen off the challenge of its totalitarian rivals, it still poses us as many questions as answers about what kind of community we want to live in. As the Kosovo crisis shows, we are

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The Court of Appeal allowed

the appeal of Michelle Carol

Evans against the dismissal her

claim for damages for false im-

prisonment in respect of 59

extra days served at Brockhill

Prison, and awarded her £5,000

The plaintiff, who had been

sentenced to a total of two years'

imprisonment, had applied.

whilst still a prisoner, for judi-

cial review of the decision of the

prison governor as to her release

date, and had claimed damages

On 15 November 1996 the Di-

visional Court (R v Governor of

Brockhill Prison, ex p Evans

[1997] 1 All ER 439) had allowed

the application for judicial re-

view, declaring that the plain-

tiff's conditional release date,

as correctly calculated, should

have been 17 September 1996.

The plaintiff was thus released

59 days later than she should

Ben Emmerson and Peter Weath-

erby (Graysons) for the plain-

tiff; Philip Sales and Michael

Fordham (Treasury Solicitor) for

for false imprisonment.

correct method.

damages.



Le Pen: asserting democratic credentials

not much better than our predecessors in protecting minorities from their own rulers. And defining the nation politically remains just as contentious in other ways too. Proportional representation, for instance, which was widely credited in the 1920s with weakening parliamentary systems, attracts support in Britain at the same time as in Italy and Czechoslovakia people are trying to move away from it. And, if by democracy we mean equal rights for both sexes, then we must accept that few countries in Europe can boast of achievements. Women struggled to win the vote right up to the 1970s; their struggle to reform family law codes and business practices continues today.

Democratic regimes also continue to reflect the ingrained racism which Europeans find so hard to break away from. Free Hungary and Czechoslovakia discriminate more ruthlessly and violently against their gypsies than did their Communist predecessors. Jorg Haider's Freedom Party in Austria and Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front in France demonstrate that, when the old post-war conservative parties collapse, they leach votes to the extremists. Can it comfort us that both Haider and Le Pen like to assert their democratic credentials? Or does it not simply indicate that, while the great ideological contest which took up so much of this century is over, real political battles remain to be fought?

Mark Mazower is the author of Dark Continent: Europe's twentieth century', published this week by the Penguin Press, £20

GAZETTE

BIRTHS, **MARRIAGES** & DEATHS

DEATHS

FOST: Leonard Victor Fost, of COST: Leonard Victor Fost, of Upper Norwood and Lewes, died 21 June, aged 74, at home, peacefully. Much loved by his family and friends. The nuneral iamily and rients. The nineral will take place on Tuesday 30 June at 12 noon at Littlehamp-ton Cemetery, Horsham Road. No flowers, but donations may be made to the League of Friends, Victoria Hospital, Nevill Road, Lewes, East Sussex. noan, Lewes, East Sussex.

NEWNS: Sir Foley Newns KCMG
CVO, died on 21 June 1998, in his
89th year. Family funeral on
Tuesday 30 June at 1.30pm in
the Chapel of St Catharine's College, Cambridge, Private cremation. Date and place of Memorial
Service to be assistanced.

ORGANE: Lady (Peggy), died peacefully in her sleep on Sunday 21 June, aged 83. Widow of Sir Geoffrey, beloved mother and grandmother. Thanksgiving service and interment of Peggy and Geoffrey's ashes at St Michael's Church, Aldbourne, Wiltshire, on Fridey 10 July at Som. For fur-Friday 10 July at Som. For fur-ther information, please phone 01672 540289.

IN MEMORIAM

HOWARD: David, Dear Son, you are in our thoughts every moment, but today, 24 June, with our greatest love, we remember your birthday. Mum and Dad.

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BIRTHDAYS

Sir Anthony Barrowelough QC, former Ombudsman, 74; Mr Jeff Beck, blues and rock guitarist, 54; Viscount Bledisloe QC, 64; Lord Braine of Wheatley, former MP, 84; Sr Armando Calderon Sol, president of El Salvador, 50; M Claude Chabrol, film director, 68; Mr Robin Cutler, former Director-General, Forestry Commission, 64; Lord Davies of Coity, trade union leader, 63: Mrs Anita Desai, novelist, 61; Mr Roger Dobson, Director-general, the Institution of Civil Engineers, 62; Mr Jack Dunnett, former president, Football League. 76; Professor Kenneth Durrands, former Vice-Chancellor and Rector, Huddersfield University, 69; Mr Mick Fleetwood, rock drummer, 56; Sir Ian Gainsford. Dean, King's College Medical and Dental School, 68; Professor Sir Fred Hoyle. astronomer and science fiction writer, 83; Miss Betty Jackson, fashion designer, 49; Sir Edward Jackson, for-

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ENGAGEMENTS

The Queen Mother visits

University. The Princess

Royal, Past President, the

port, attends the National

Chartered Institute of Trans-

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mer diplomat, 73; Mr John McCormick, Controller, BBC Scotland, 54; Mrs Emma McKendrick, Headmistress, Royal School Bath, 35; Mi Owen Paterson MP, 42; Professor John Postgate, microbiologist, 76; Miss Mary Wesley, writer, 85; Sir John Whitford, former High Court judge, 85.

ANNIVERSARIES

Births: St John of the Cross, mystic, 1542; Farinelli (Carlo Broschi), castrato singer. 1705; Louis-Lazare Hoche. French Revolutionary soldier, 1768; Eleuthère Irenée du Pont de Nemours, gunpowder manufacturer, 1771; Sir John Ross, Arctic explorer. 1771; Henry Ward Beecher clergyman, 1813; William Henry (W.H.) Smith, bookseller and politician, 1825; Ambrose Gwinnett Bierce, writer and satirist, 1842: Horatio Herbert, Earl Kitchener, soldier, 1850; Harry Plunket Greene, baritone, 1865; Oswald Veblen, mathematician, 1880; Jack Dempsey, heavyweight boxer, 1895; Brian Alexander Johnston, broadcaster and cricket commentator, 1912. Deaths: Ferdinand I (the Great), King of Castile and Leon, 1065; Lucrezia Borgia, Duchess of Ferrara, 1519; John Hampden, Parliamentary general, from wounds, 1643; William Smellie, printer, author and naturalist, 1795; Adam Lindsay Gordon, poet, committed suicide 1870; Marie-François Sadi Carnot, engineer and

statesman, 1894; Stephen Grover Cleveland, 22nd and 24th US President, 1908; Walter Rathenau, statesman, iteo 1922; Stuart Davis, abstract artist, 1964; Valentine Dyall, actor, 1985; Rex Ernest Warner writer. 1986. On this day: Robert the Bruce and his army defeated the forces of Edward II at Bannockburn, 1314; the English fleet

defeated the French at the Battle of Sluys, 1340; John Cabot reached the shores of North America, 1497; the Mother Grand Lodge of the Order of Freemasonry was inaugurated in London, 1717; Napoleon's armies invaded Russia, 1812; the French defeated the Austrians at the Battle of Solferino, 1859; the training of nurses began at St Thomas's Hospital, London, 1860; the Russian fleet in the Black Sea mutinied at Sebastopol, 1917; the blockade of Berlin by the Soviet Union began, 1948; in the United States, a 27-year-old soap opera. The Romance of Helen Trent, ended after 7.222 episodes, 1960; the Mersey Tunnel was opened, 1971. Today is the Feast Day of St Bartholomew of Farne,

or Raoul of Bourges and St Simplicius of Autun. LECTURES

St John the Baptist, St Ralph

National Gallery: Christopher Baker, "Masters of Light (iii): the Utrecht School and Rembrandt", 1pm. Victoria and Albert

quarters of the order in

Chelmsford, Essex; and

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year of the RAF; and as

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opens the Learning

Museum: Caroline Blackman, "18th-century Buttons"

Tate Gallery: Jonathan the Human Figure", 1pm.

APPOINTMENTS

Mr Graham Fry, to be British High Commissioner to Malaysia. Mr Stephen John Gullick, to be a circuit judge, on the North Eastern Circuit. Mrs Patricia Pearl and Mr Barrie Robert James Cole, to be district judges on the South Eastern Circuit. Mr Geoffrey James Edwards and Mrs Debora Jane O'Regan, to be district judges on the Midland and Oxford Circuit. Mr Paul Nigel Singleton, to be a district judge on the Western Circuit.

CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments have been announced by the Church of England: The Rev Martin Evans, Curate, Morpeti (Newcastle): to be Chaplain, HM Royal

The Rev Robert Jones, Vicar, Wetwang and Garton-on-the-Wolds with Kirkburn Chris: to be also acting Rural Dean of Harthill (same Gocese).

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CHANGING OF THE GUARD

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talion, The Duke of Welling-ton's Regiment mounts the Queen's Guard, at Bucking-ham Palace, 11.30am, band

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Lord Woolf MR said that the Divisional Court had had to decide whether, when a person was sentenced to more that one period of imprisonment to

have been.

the governor.

A PRISONER who had successfully challenged by judi- WEDNESDAY sition as a matter of law was that the extra period of deten-LAW REPORT

Prison governor liable

for false imprisonment

24 JUNE 1998

Evans v Governor of Brockhill Prison Court of Appeal (Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice Judge) 19 June 1998

period spent in custody on remand should be deducted from the particular sentence to which the period in remand total sentence to be served, or whether such periods in custody should be aggregated and the release date calculated simply by deducting that aggregate from the total sentence. A previous line of authority had adopted the former solution while the Divisional Court in the plaintiff's case had authoritatively decid-

ed that the latter was correct.

The Divisional Court had the plaintiff was "one in respect of whom the practice has produced injustice", but that she was not entitled to damages for or not. the extra period spent in prison because the governor had been entitled to rely on the earlier decisions until they were held to be in error.

It had been contended for the plaintiff that the decision of the Divisional Court operated be served concurrently, the retrospectively, so that the po-

was argued for the governor that he had been justified in applying the approach previously laid down by the courts, the error of law not being his, but that of the courts in the

earlier decisions. There was no authority for regarding a decision authoritatively overruled as still for some purposes correctly setting out what was the law. Whilst the principle of retrospectivity could be said to involve a fairy tale, it was a fairy tale which was a longestablished foundation of judicial law-making within the comrelated before calculating the mon law system, and if it were to be undermined or weakened that should be left to the legislature or possibly to the House of Lords.

The judge's approach involved extending the court's recognition for some purposes of an executive or administrative act or a court order which had been quashed to the different situation where a court having authority to do so, had overruled an earlier decision of adjourned the hearing of her the courts so that the earlier declaim for damages for false im-prisonment. It had come before the law. Fault was not an ele-Collins J, who had decided that ment of an action for false imprisonment: the sole issue was whether the period in prison was, as a matter of law, justified

> The judge had been led into error because he had been looking at what was the just result, judged by the irrelevant consideration of blameworthiness of the governor, and accordingly his decision must be

Kate O'Hanlon, Barrister

SURELY THIS is the most useless word in English. If you look up impassionate in Chambers Dictionary you will find its meaning given as "impassioned, dispassionate" - in other words, full of passion or totally without passion.

This exposes a small fault line in the language:

WORDS WILLIAM HARTSTON

im-) either to negate or to

the use of the prefix in- (or them so much. They coped inflammable as opposites.

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Impassionate adj.

signify an inward motion. The Romans bequeathed us this problem, though it never seemed to confuse

or catch fire. And that is why, since 1959, the British Standards Institute has recommended the use of flammable and non-flammable to avoid

When Conrad Schumann jumped over the Berlin Wall, he became a symbol of freedom. But the burden was too great. By **Imre Karacs**

"MANY PEOPLE were standing around, and that was good, because they distracted my colleagues. I was able to swap my loaded sub-machinegun for an empty one before I jumped. The jump was not so difficult then. After that the gun fell noisily on the ground; with a full magazine it probably would have gone off."

That is how the East German border guard Conrad Schumann recalled, in one of hundreds of subsequent interviews, the moment he was devoured by history. At 4pm on 15 August 1961, two days after the Communist regime began erecting the Berlin Wall, the 19-year-old soldier set off on the journey that was to define his entire life.

"My nerves were at breaking point," he remembered. "I was very afraid. I took off, jumped, and into the car ... in three, four seconds it was all

A photographer mingling with onlookers on the western side of Bernauer Strasse captured the "Leap of Freedom", and a Cold War pin-up was born. Pictures of the lanky youth soaring above coils of barbed wire in his tight uniform were blitzed across the world. Suddenly Schumann was a hero of the Free World, and in his homeland a despicable traitor. Some 2,100 East German soldiers and policemen were to follow his example.

'Welcome to the West," bystanders shouted. But Schumann, a simple NCO, was ill-prepared for the adulation. All he asked for when he arrived at the West Berlin debriefing centre was a sandwich. He said simply that he had been angered by the spectacle of a fleeing East German child being dragged back from the West, and did not want to "live enclosed". A fit of desperation or an act of heroism: history books rarely distinguish setween the two.

But Schumann never really escaped. Uninvited stardom drove nim to the bottle in the first decade of us new life. He eventually married, ettled down in a Bavarian village, had a son, and worked conscientiously on Audi's assembly line for 27 years.

Then, last Saturday, something napped. After a family row, Schumann eft the house. He was found by his wife lew hours later, hanging from a tree n the nearby woods. The History Vian left no farewell letter behind.

Neighbours in the village of Kipfenerg describe him as a quiet, retiring nan. All he had to show for his phemeral fame was that picture on he living-room wall, alongside floral



The leap of hope that ended in despair

with Ronald Reagan. The family were reasonably prosperous: they had inherited a house from the in-laws.

From the freedom photograph, however, he made not one pfennig. "As lawyers explained, because I am a historical figure, the picture can be published everywhere without my consent. But the photographer did not become rich either," he consoled himself. "He was working for an agency."

Nor did he get much joy from official quarters. A hero he might have been for the Western propaganda machine, but all officials wanted from him was information he did not possess. Schumann, according to the German press, was "squeezed like a lemon" by his Western interrogators.

Little wonder that the hero-villain felt confused by his dual status. As he drifted through life in West Berlin, frequently changing jobs in the initial

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East was through letters. He had not anticipated. Many people had been changed his name or gone under- kind to him, he said, but quite a few ground, and now the Stasi, the East had shunned him. "There are still German secret police, were after him. some people who refuse to speak to rare visits to Berlin. The posters They wanted the Cold War icon back, me," he said. The traitor had re-nevertheless remain the best-selling for their own purposes. The family mained a traitor to many, even if the item at the Checkpoint Charlie wrote letters asking Schumann to country he betrayed had since museum, and visitors formed a long come home - everything would be fine.

"Only much later did I realise how dangerous this situation was," he recalled in a 1994 interview. "I did not know that the letters my parents were writing me were dictated by the He was even naive enough to

contemplate going home for a visit while the Wall was still standing. At the last minute, a West Berlin policeman managed to talk him out of that plan.

After the Wall fell and Germany was reunited, Schumann was able to

tapestries and a photograph of him years, alcohol provided the only solace. return to his native Saxony for the tourists. He was no longer recognis-Lonely and depressed, his only first time. But the homecoming was able from the photo: now he was a human contact with his family in the not the triumphant procession he had podgy middle aged man with tattoos on both arms.

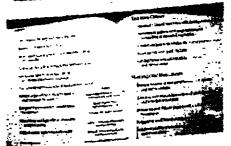
> Still, he was back in the whirlwind of history, and for a time seemed to be enjoying it. In the euphoria of reunification, heroes of old were in great demand again, for one last hurrah. Schumann beamed into the cameras as requested, signed the posters depicting his run, and made efforts to

> speak cheerfully about his situation. In 1989, as the Wall was being hacked to pieces, Schumann made guest appearances at the Checkpoint Charlie museum, signing pictures for

After that, he devoted his full attention to car-building, making only queue a month ago when Border Guard NCO Schumann came to sign for the last time.

The museum's directors worry that business may take a down-turn now that the man it celebrates is no longer alive. They are probably wrong. For the picture was never about Conrad Schumann, the soldier with the invisible face, but about the act. It was the human spirit that soared above that barbed wire, and Schumann was merely an unlucky man who accidentally got into the picture.

THE IRRITATIONS OF MODERN LIFE



3. MODERN MENUS BY CHARLES CAMPION RESTAURANT CRITIC

IN 1914 E Brunet, chef to the Duke and Duchess of Rozburghe, translated L Saulnier's Le Répertoire de la Cuisine into English and condemned us to 50 years of French menus. Thus in the Sixties anyone faced with a box of Dover sole could riffle through its pages and find 338 helpful suggestions. The index runs all the way from Adrienne - "Fillets, folded and poached, coated with Polignac sauce, garnished with soft roes and tartlets filled with crayfish tails cohered with Nantua sauce" - to Yvette ~ "Same as Sole Crevettes, glazed, slice of truffle".

During the Seventies, as diners started to think for themselves rather than be bullied into the choices of a snooty head waiter, chefs started to chip away at the supremacy of the French menu. We get a respected Lake District restaurant offering "strawberry pots de crème" and a Cornish hotel offering "fraises Charles Stuart" - the best of both worlds, French enough for stuffy customers but accessible by hoi polloi.

Nobody was prepared for what happened next. In the past 20 years the restaurant business has exploded; food has become the new football. And to the chagrin of the die hards, we're not talking French food either, but Thai, Tuscan. Gujerati, Japanese, Nonya, Caribbean, Cajun - each with a rich vein of language to scribble across menus

What's more, the idea of "fusion" bubbled to the surface. Now chefs could combine Thai spices with French dishes - and use both kinds of jargon on a single menu. Suddenly going out to dinner requires that you know what a "laksa" is.

And as well as the glorious newness of it all, behind this obfuscation lay

a certain amount of self-

As far as restaurateurs are concerned, one of the primary functions of a menu is to help the head waiter strike up a relationship with his or her customers. Consider this, from the menu at a new and mega-trendy Italian eatery: "deep fried artichokes and lamb sweetbreads with dragoncella". It's a model of clarity, simple and straightforward... except for that last word. What is dragoncelia? Tarragon, that's what Is it unduly paranoid to suspect that the only reason it reads dragoncella and not tarragon is so that George, the charming headwaiter, can get to work?

The prize for the most consummately prolix and flesh-crawling menu-writing of the modern age must go to a rather posh hotel in the north of England. See if this stirs the gastric juices: "Asparagus & Artichoke Salad with Dandelion Leaves, Logamberry Dressing Around It and Balsamic Vinegar In It and the Poached Quails Egg We Nearly Forgoti" (punctua tion and bizarre capitalisation as in the original). What can be worse than joking about your customers dinners? Especially when the jokes aren't even funny. It's a shame, as the dishes themselves are very good indeed

As customers, we want menus that are clear, informative and evocative Perhaps today's chefs would do well to look once more at L*e Répe*r toire. On the subject of menu writing, the introduction says: "Pompous words such as Cryptogramma instead of Mushroom should not be used aithough, if emplayed with extreme moderation, a bold euphemism such as Black Pearls' for truffles is occasionally permissible." It is hard to disagree.

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Keep your hands down, eyes level, and think of England

"URINAL". IT'S not a very nice word, is it? A harsh, spiky, male kind of word with a hint of ammonia about it. Women have "The Ladies" or "The Powder Room". In fact, in these days when women go to football matches and have seats in the boardroom, the urinal is one of the few places men can still truly call their own. The urinal is not a nice place

to spend any time; not a cosy setting for gossip or fixing your-self up in the mirror. A visit to the urinal is like an SAS mission -you go in, you do the business, and then you get out. Pronto. With regard to what actual ly takes place during these fleeting visits, the urinal, like that other male bastion, the

gentleman's club, has a rigid

code of conduct. Rule Number One is that silence is generally observed. Men rarely speak in the urinal, and certainly never to strangers. Men do, however, whistle quite a lot, particularly on first entering, and quite often while urinating. There's a certain machismo element to this, but it may well be a subconscious reference to child-

hood and memories of coaxing

parents holding a potty. The one exception to the non-speaking rule occurs in the work environment. In the office urinal, it's quite common for a man to initiate a conversation with a colleague standing next to him. However, this conversation will be directed at the wall or at the ceiling, with only occasional cursory, sidelong glances. Eye contact is defiAn insider's guide to the world of the male urinal. By Tim Hulse



You can't always predict what you are going to find in

nitely out. Usually in these cir- little more than a series of cumstances, the end of urination will be signalled by an exaggerated shaking motion. followed by a thrust of the hips backwards and an elaborate stuffing routine, as each man endeavours to give the imession that his trousers are barely able to contain a penis

of garden hose dimensions. Conversationalists will happily chat away about last night's football match or the seethrough blouse that Joyce in accounts is wearing, and then have a really good shake. However, there is another breed of man who dreads such encounters. His response is likely to be

grunts and he will still be standing, staring somewhat forlornly at the wall, when his colleague is long gone. For many men are incapable

of urinating when someone is standing next to them, particularly when that person starts talking to them. They just stand there, hoping the other person wili go away. It's a common problem, but one not often discussed. However, for those who are afflicted, I can offer the advice given by the American author Nicholson Baker in his book The Mezzonine. His tip is to imagine you are actually urinating on the head of the person standing next to you: "Imagine your voluminous stream making fleeting parts in his hair," he writes, "like the parts that appear in the grassof a lawn when you try to water it with a too-pressurised nozzlesetting. Imagine drawing an X over his face, watch him fending the spray off with his arm, puffing and spluttering to keep it from getting in his mouth, and his protestations: Excuse me? What are you doing? Hey! Pff, pff, pff."

When it comes to urinal technique, there is another great divide – men who use one hand and those who use two. The two-handed approach suggests an inclination towards precision and accuracy, and tends to be adopted by the sort of man who enjoys trying to score a direct hit on the small block of disinfectant and making it change colour. The onehander tends to have a more relaxed attitude to life, and can sometimes be seen using his other hand to hold a cigarette. On a few occasions, I've seen a man not only holding a glass with his other hand but actually drinking from it, giving the somewhat bizarre impression that he was pouring liquid straight through his body.

And finally the really big question: how many men wash their hands afterwards? All I can say is that if my observations have taught me one thing. it's this: when you go to the pub and you notice that nice plate of peanuts on the bar, do yourself a favour and buy a packet

You ask the questions

(Such as: you are known to have had a successful career as a gangster. So, Frank Fraser, did your victims deserve to die?)

AFTER 42 years in top security prisons and a couple of stretches in Broadmoor, the retired gangster "Mad Frankie" Fraser, 75, reinvented himself as an author and performer in 1994. Now the darling of the London literary world, he recently completed his second book of memoirs. Mad Frank and Friends. He describes himself as "very easygoing usually" and lives in south London with his girlfriend Marilyn Wisbey, 43, the daughter of the great train robber Tommy Wisbey.

In your opinion, did your victims deserve to die? If so, why? Anne Hunt, Malmesbury

My victims were all criminals. None of them had any class. I never touched anyone from the real world.

Do you think it is right that you should a) make money from writing about your criminal past and b) be treated as a celebrity because of it?

Ian Hickton, Stoke-on-Trent I have no regrets about taking money or being a celebrity. That is what the public wants. And what's more I give the public what they want. What gangster do you know can appear twice daily in a West End theatre and get standing ovations? No one's ever done it before. What gangster, other than George Raft, has ever appeared in a film? I did and I got great notices for Hard Men. For a few weeks it was number one in the video best-seller

When you were a little boy, what did you want to be when you grew

As a boy I wanted to be a success ful gangster, not an unsuccessful

My mum remembers you from just after the war, living in and around the Camberwell area, and she says, even then, you were known to be "a bit handy". Have you always been involved in the life of crime, did you consider an alternative to it, or did you actually enjoy it?

Mark Baxter, Camberwell I was always handy. Handy at every- don't disagree with me. I can't think thing. That's what got me into why. trouble all my life.

What kind of person was your Roger Manners, Birmingham

Janet Hunter, Halifax My mum was wonderful, a great lady. The only thing was, she was to do with crime whatsoever.

Did you do National Service? If not, why not? Brian Perkins, Somerset Yes I did it. Rather briefly. Never

even wore the uniform.

What was the best thing about prison? Anthony Horsfield, West Midlands The best thing or things that ever my shows, was a bit frightened to happened to me re prison was being released, for a start, and meeting Ivor Novello, the great songwriter. He was once in the cell next to me at Wormwood Scrubs. Great guy. Good to talk to. He should never have been there.

'The Independent' stated that you have been certified insane three times'. Am I right to infer from this that you have at least twice become sane again, and, if so, what were you like then?

Andy Dewar, Lincolnshire I have been been certified insane three times. Insanity is a game that any number can play. It's just a case of not losing your nerve. Broadmoor is your reward.

Who did you prefer, Reggie or Ronnie Kray – and why? Mark Cardman, Manchester

Reggie and Ronnie were completely different and at the same time twins. I knew them since I was a teenager. I visit Reggie every so often at his prison with Marilyn - we go down and talk. It's a disgrace that he's still inside. He's more than paid his debt to society. He can sometimes go off the handle, but so would you if you spent over 30 years inside. You can molest a woman or child and get off these days with a suspended sentence. Reggie killed a guy and I would have done the same. Ronnie was different. He had dark moods but it was dreadful that he died inside. He didn't deserve that. In the end he was harmless. He was just a shell. Not the big gangster that I once

What's the worst thing you've ever done? Do you ever have nightmares about it?

Caroline Hardley, Truro, Cornwall Opening a safe and finding nothing was in it. Then finding out that millions were in the boss's secretary's handbag and you'd bumped into her Frances Quinn, Tunbridge Wells, in the street and she'd done the job before you.

> Which is easier, being an author or being a gangster? Fiona Rice, Southampton

Author or gangster - I'm a performer in both spheres.

What would you like to do to your critics?

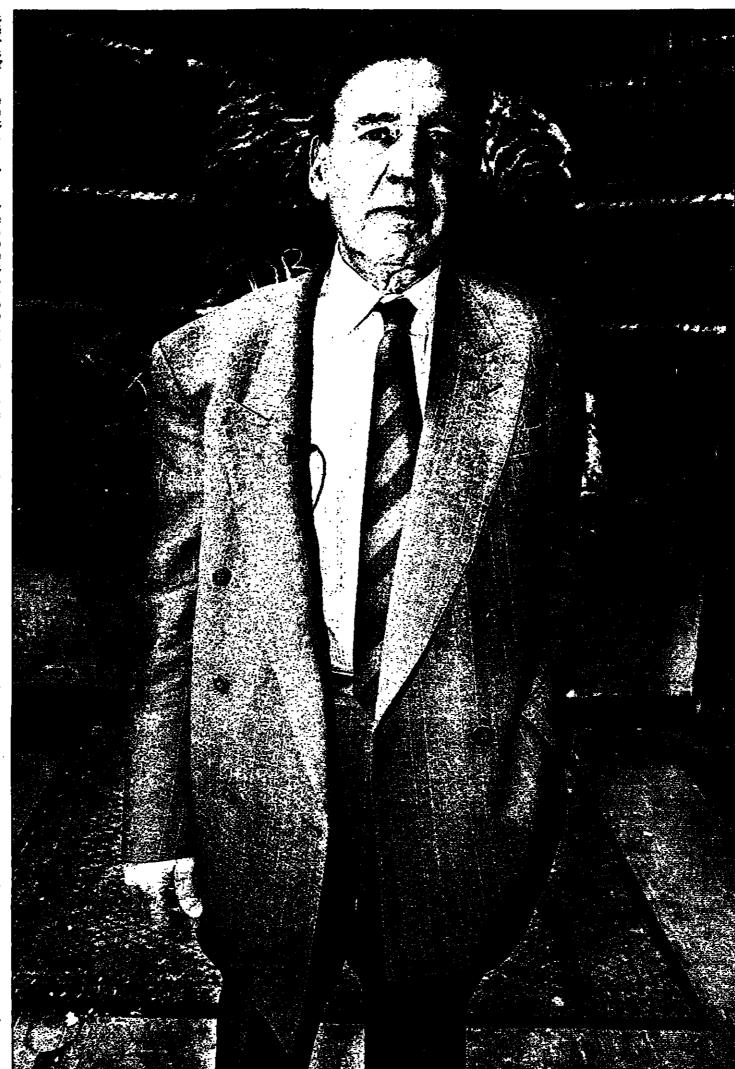
Nicola Harvey, Clapham, London I have the edge over other authors or actors because critics have been very kind to me about what I write or do on stage or television. Critics

Do you dye your hair? Yes. It's all my own I couldn't disuse myselt to save m famous as Cilla Black.

to make it as a singer. How is her career progressing and has she had any recording offers? Simon Ellison, Bethnal Green, Lon-

Marilyn and I have been together a long time. She's my rock. She's a good singer. She appeared in my show in the West End. She's got style and she gets good notices. The Guardian's critic, reviewing one of say what he thought of me so he said, "It was refreshing to hear the charming voice of Marilyn Wisbey."

Imagine a clear jar containing one magic bean. This bean splits into two identical bears after one sec-



ond. These two beans then split in turn producing four beans. These then split to produce eight beans, etc... The jar takes exactly 60 seconds to fill up with the splitting beans. Can you tell me how full the jar is after 59 sec-

J. Swainston, London It seems to me that you've been watching the opening of the film of The Krays, the bit with Billie Whitelaw talking about twins and saying all these bits and pieces about seeds and eggs and all that and when I saw it I didn't understand a word of what it was about. And neither did Charlie Kray, who was an adviser on the picture.

Do you support the 'Independent on Sunday' campaign to decriminalise cannabis?

Victoria Benstead, London Of course I agree with decriminalising cannabis, although I've never smoked it myself or tried it as a cookie, as was once suggested.

Your former career must have been rather messy at times. Do you have any handy hints on how to get blood stains out of woollen clothes, such as jumpers? Graham Paul, Edinburgh Ask Scotland Yard.

If you returned to your home to find it had been burgled and "trashed", would you consider it the result of criminals just trying to earn a living or would you be outraged that this action was perpetrated against you and other normal members of society by the criminal classes? David Deal, Oxford I'd kill 'em

Do you think yardies and triads have taken over the criminal underworld? What do you think of their criminal fraternities? Dennis Wright, Stockwell, London Yardies? It's a media thing. I can't

Would you disapprove if a child of yours started getting in trouble with the police? Mark Thompson, Bury St Ed-My kids? Who am I to be critical?

Would you say that, on the whole. Jemima Roberts, West London Really only in the City of London. I elsewhere.

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Ansafones, mobiles, pagers, email - so many channels for clandestine communication, and so many traps. By Anita Chaudhuri

Beware the mechanics of modern adultery

OH TO have been born a Victorian gentlewoman. When it his 23-year-old Grease co-star came to expressing the innermost secrets of the heart, all they had to worry about was finding a suitably delicate nib and perhaps a choice bottle of rose-scented ink. Now it seems that the old-fashioned love letter is dead and in its stead we must do battle with faxes, pagers, emails and call-waiting in order to conduct our affairs, be they innocent or clandestine.

In theory, technology should have made it easier for us to communicate. On the contrary, it looks as if it has real power to betray cheating hearts. Take the beleaguered enter-

tainer Shane Richie. He had about his affair this way. been cheating on his wife, Coleen Nolan, for some time when she discovered his affair. How did she find out? Not by hiring a private detective, not by finding a billet-doux in his pocket, but - oh the humiliation! by hearing a recording of a more-than-friendly phone con-

versation between himself and Louise Tyler, which had been recorded by accident on the family answering machine.
It is possible for many top-of-

the range answering machines to record calls - the problem is that most of us never bother to read the instruction booklets beyond the "how to pick up your messages" stage, and therein lies the problem.

Mobile phones can be equally treacherous. Apart from the incriminating evidence of itemised phone bills, some models can be set up to divert calls to the phone at home.
Jim's wife, Rose, found out

"I came back and there was this message on the machine from a woman whose voice I didn't recognise. She was asking for the address of the restaurant where she and Jim were supposedly going to meet that night. Well, I couldn't believe it. As far as I knew, he friend Jane's one night watch-

was going out to a corporate awards bash that night." Jim's mistress had thought she was leaving a message on his mobile - but he had forgotten to take his calls off divert.

It's not just mobile phones which cause havoc. With the advent of 1471, British Telecom has sparked off countless marital confrontations.

"I had a strong feeling that Ian was seeing someone," says Marie. "Often I'd answer the phone and the caller would hang up. When I dialled 1471, the message always said 'number withheld'. Now why on earth would anyone bother withholding their number?"

This encouraged her to snoop around in her partner's briefcase, and sure enough there was a whole catalogue of evidence on his credit-card bill: florists, restaurants she'd never been to, all the usual things. Pagers can be problematic,

It was the answering machine that told Linda that Shane too. "I was round at my girl-



ing TV while she was at the ate, emails can fuel the flames gym," recalls Brian. "I was bored so I started fiddling around with her pager which she'd left on the table. Then I came across all these messages from someone called Tim. I'd never heard of him. When she got back I confronted her, and she admitted to having an affair."

The most ubiquitous accessory to adultery, though, has got to be electronic mail. Email can be a particularly risky method of communication because it's not as private as we think, and it can go wrong. Most of us who work in offices have fallen victim to the horror of sending inter-office email to the wrong person - usually the person the message is about

Clearly email has great dramatic potential - Meg Ryan's next movie, You've Got Moul, is all about an email affair between two colleagues. Somehow more intimate than a under the floorboards long

of a humdrum affair – and provide incriminating evidence for a wronged spouse.

For some inexplicable reason, most people tend not to delete email. "I was working at home and wanted to send a fax," says Anna. "But it wasn't working, so I decided to send an email from my husband's laptop. Imagine my surprise when I opened the email programme and there were all these messages from this one woman. I couldn't resist having a look, but I really wish I hadn't, they were very steamy. I was devastated. It was such a horrible way to find out." The columnist Nicola Davis,

who discovered details of her husband's affair from an itemised phone bill, believes that most of us already know the truth before we find the evidence of infidelity.

"Most of us do smell a rat phone call yet still as immedi- before we see the computer to the bitter end.

knew my husband was having an affair. But when I saw the itemised bill, it kind of shocked me because it created a vivid picture of what had been going on. He'd been phoning this woman on Sunday nights when he was supposed to be locked in his study handling the household bills. So the calls were made in funny, five-minute bites, presumably snatched between the trips I was making up and down the stairs with the

Davis believes that adulterous partners like Shane Richie give themselves away because hi-tech gizmos don't always behave the way we expect them to. "Technology betrays us because it often doesn't work," she observes.

Anyone foolish enough to be contemplating an adulterous affair might bear this in mind - you'd be well advised to read the instruction manual through

The last of the gentleman publishers

Beckett, Burroughs, Breton: John Calder printed authors no one else dared touch. Now he's taking on the

Government. By Barèt Magarian

John Calder's name has been synonymous with literary excellence. He began in 1949, publishing foreign and political titles, and acquiring a reputation for taking books that others wouldn't go near.

Things took off in 1963 when he published Henry Miller's sexually explicit Tropic of Cancer. It sold 40,000 and Calder was able to print all the manuscripts that had until then been gathering dust. During the Sixties he joined forces with Marion Boyars, and together they published the most interesting fiction and drama around: Borges, Artaud, Burroughs, Celine, Pasolini, Miller, Ionesco, Beckett, Breton, Pirandello. Calder was the first to introduce Britain to the practitioners of the nouveau roman, principally Claude Simon, Alain Robbe-Grillet and Nathalie Sarraute. Over the years he has had 18 Nobel prize winners on his

list, more than any other publisher. Next year will mark his 50th year in publishing. But times are hard. He has managed to retain a distinguished set of writers, most notably Samuel Beckett, Celine, and Howard Barker, but he lost many when he was unable to keep up on royalty payments. This was as a direct result of the loss of his Arts Council grant in 1983. Marguerite Duras, Henry Miller, and William Burroughs were

all plucked up by other publishers. As we talk in his London office his determined gaze and clipped accent create an air of stoicism.

The then literature committee of the Arts Council, under the Conservatives, was taken over by people who didn't know anything about serious literature. They said the books we published were no longer of any interest, even though in 1985 Claude Simon won the Nobel Prize, Howard Barker the Italia Prize for best radio play and Barbara Wright the Scott

or the past half-century Moncrieff prize for best translation." Calder Publications now finds itself in a unique position as the last of the independent publishers. This means that it isn't owned by anyone else, and does not have to answer to

anyone else. "We are also one of the few publishers that still carries the flag for the English language, which is in great danger of disappearing under the American vernacular, because British books are increasingly being edited by American editors. John Calder's activities are myriad. He is not only a publisher, but

an editor, translator, journalist and critic (a book on Beckett's philosophy is due later this year). In addition, he has just kick-started a national campaign to draw attention to the arts in this country. "Societies without the arts lack the critical edge that enables people

to see through bad administrators and governments, and as a result they are always under demagogues and dictators. We need to make the Government realise the importance of the arts, which is why I'm involved in a

National Rally for the Arts, which will take place on 1 and 2 May 1999 in Hyde Park. 'We're hoping to get as many as a million people to go, when there will be free entertainment by theatre

companies, bands, orchestras, artists of every kind. "We want to get the Government get more funding for them. No country in Europe has the arts at such a low level as they are in this country. And I think Tony Blair will have a

doesn't start to do something." The conversation shifts from a moral agenda to an anecdotal one. I ask him about Beckett, whom he met in the 1950s, gaining the rights to his fiction when Faber refused to take it, considering it too difficult.

he realises he'll be losing votes if he



John Calder, publisher, journalist, critic, is playing a part in organising next May's National Rally for the Arts

simple person in almost every way. He got on well with any normal natural person but he couldn't stand lion positively on the side of the arts, and hunters. He was really the ideal author, extremely punctilious, and extremely loyal. He had a very causwith him and the critic Harold Hobsort of miraculous conversion when son. Hobson said: 'On a day like this you feel glad to be alive. There was a pause and then Beckett said: 'Well. I wouldn't go as far as that.' "

What do you think of literary fiction today? "I'm sure there are very good things being written, even getting published, but the problem is that they aren't getting reviewed.

"Beckett was actually a very Even when you get a literary editor who would like to review serious books he's not allowed to. His job depends on getting reviews of topical books. Anything about Princess Diana, for example, will get retic wit. I remember going to Lord's ous writers have great difficulty in getting noticed. And editors at publishing houses are now completely under the thumb of the management, which is accountant-controlled. For an editor to discover a new exciting author will cut no ice

with an editorial board dominated by accountants who only want to know how many copies the books sell." Calder thinks that we may see I found I achieved more in a day

to be the last.

more independent publishers start- than they did in three months." ing up to counter this. One hopes that someone with his determination and willingness to take risks will come along

This determination extends to acting as his own representative with the booksellers. This, combined with going to conferences, working in his Paris and London marathon 100-hour working week for

But why can't he get someone else to sell the books?

"None of the reps was willing to find out what the books were about! embodies the defiant intelligence

What about the future of the list? "I've no more idea of the future of the list than I have about my own future. I would like to think that someone would come along and

carry it on, someone willing to pu

in the dedication, to work that 100

hours for extremely little return." John Calder turned 71 this year. offices, and writing, adds up to a In France he has been made a chevalier twice. In Britain he has received no public honours. He is neither surprised nor dismayed by this. But for those who care about serious literature his career

and excellence that is its hallmark.

The Lieder of the pack

CLASSICAL SIMON KEENLYSIDE LONDON

SIMON KEENLYSIDE must be the only singer to let his pianist, Malcolm Martineau, walk on stage first. But then he's not your preen ing star - he's an uncommonly subtle and, at the same time, a very sincere musician, for whom the song really is the thing. When his first solo CD came out a few years ago, the highly experienced critic of The Gramophone called him the finest British interpreter of Schubert, and in 1995 The Critics Circle voted him Singer of the

It has taken the public a little while to catch up with him, despite Keenlyside's long list of distinguished roles in the world's leading opera houses. Saturday night's recital was not quite sold out, but the reception was tumultuous.

Keenlyside's programme showed him in almost as many lights as possible, though most of the songs were composed at the end of the 19th century. His gorgeously warm baritone is ideally suited to German Lieder, and at the end of the evening, I would. have chosen to take home with me his singing of Strauss's "Traum durch die Dammerung" - a miracle of deep, understated rapture. Yet, though he's not temperamentally a blusterer, he saluted spring, in "Herr Lenz", with as much ringing swagger as the best of them. and rounded off "Cacilie" with real

Over the years, Keenlyside has freed up his acting skills a good deal, and recently, at the Barbican, he showed what a good mover be is in the title role of Monteverdi's Orfeo. Four songs from Mahler's Des Knoben Wunderhorn drew from him, at one extreme in "Der Schildwache Nachtlied"), the most probing, melancholic reflections, and at the other, a wonderful gift for sardonic mimicry in the song contest between a cuckoo and a nightingale judged by a donkey ("Lob des hohen Verstandes").

Perhaps, in songs by Debussy, Keenlyside's diction did not exactly dance on his lips - I found a lot of the words unclear, though he did lighten his voice, and contrasted half and full tone almost to excess.

Which was a far cry from the four songs of his final group, by Tosti. Beautifully written for the voice, they must be a singer's dream, and no doubt it's tempting to overdo their ardour.

Keenlyside took their effusive ness to just the right degree. so that their musical fluency could make its effect without mannerism.

ADRIAN JACK

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Drumming their way out of a plastic bag

LIKE A great string quartet or jazz group, the four percussionists of Ensemble Bash seem to have developed that aimost telepathic form of ensemble communication, an empathy that allows them to play a wide range of genres with

accuracy and gusto. But unlike the Modern Jazz Quartet or Kronos, they don't have an ensemble "sound". The nature of their calling means that each member plays at least a dozen different instruments - tuned and otherwise - from all over the world.

What makes Ensemble Bash distinctive is their way of doing things, plus a variable but expanding repertoire of percussion quartet pieces they have built up through commissions and adaptations.

The most satisfying music in their concert for the Spitalfields Festival came from pieces and idioms they have been playing for some time. The single-set concert opened and closed with new arrangements of African music that incorporate several gyilé, big Ghanaian xylophones that dominated the stage. For these pieces, ensemble regulars Richard Benjafield, Chris Brannick, Stephen Hiscock and Andrew Martin

JAZZ ENSEMBLE BASH SPITALFIELDS FESTIVAL LONDON

were augmented by percussionist/composers Paulinus Bozie and Mario Deiekuuroh.

The resulting sextet, a bigger Bash, produced a dense, exciting ensemble sound with timbres that shifted and de-veloped slowly over ten or fifteen-minute stretches, the musicians moving from instrument to instrument with ev-

ident ease and enjoyment. Other core repertoire favourites included Benjafield's clever arrangements of a handful of Chick Corea's Children's Songs used as punctuation short, quiet interludes between

the longer works. Yet the two big new pieces, heralded as "major world premieres", were disappointing: maybe they needed more "playing in" to do justice to their composers' intentions. Where jazz and rock groups develop work in progress on the road, and theatre companies do out-oftown previews for plays and musicals, contemporary "classical" concerts tend to make a big deal about the first perfor mance - which often turns out

I hope this is not the case for The Art of Concealment by Christopher Fox or for Nocturno y Toque, by Javier Alvarez. Fox's was one of Ensemble Bash's "carrier bag" commissions for instruments that can be carried to the gig (without the fuss of big trucks and difficult "get-ins"that be-

devil percussionists). The episodic structure of the piece, which involved instruments hidden in coat pockets, waistcoat pockets and plastic bags with manuscript paper concealed in carefully chosen books, resulted in a kind of deadpan music theatre of the absurd. Fox's best music has a knack of catching the listener by surprise, hovering in the space between captivating miniature and ambitious mag-

num opus, but this was neither. Alvarez's piece, for two tenor steel pans and two marimbas, produced some lovely washes of sound, blurred tonalities and a kind of heat haze of interacting system patterns formed from the intriguing combination of instruments, in which the sour tones of the steel drums dominated the sweet timbres of the marimbas.

And however adventurous Ensemble Bash's programme might be, they had the commercial nous to include at least one classic work by a dead composer.

Second Construction, by John Cage, was a highlight of the concert, given an appropriately sensitive and reverent performance in the beautiful ambience of Christ Church.

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This charming man

MUSIC JOSE FELICIANO JAZZ CAFE LONDON

HALF THE charm of the night's key number is that it's a request you don't necessarily expect a chap like Jose Feliciano to

It's one thing for Jim Morrison to gyrate and fiddle with his zip and arrogantly demand that a woman light his fire; quite another when the words are murmured as a loving invitation. Light My Fire works as well, if not better, when it comes from Feliciano, which is probably why it got to number one in 1968, just months after the Doors reached that spot with their organ-heavy original. Tonight, Feliciano delivers it. with intense concentration. caressing his guitar as if it were his wife and leading men helplessly to caress their girliriends.

He has, of course, more strings than this to his acoustic. Born blind in 1945, one of 11 brothers, Feliciano moved with his family from Puerto Rico to Harlem at the age of five: his first musical experience was accompanying his uncle's singing by drumming on a biscuit tin. He learned the accordion, then, aged eight, picked up a guitar and taught himself to play by practising for up to 14 hours a day, "Being blind, I had to concentrate on one thing," he has said. "And once I found that

thing, I had to be better than good at it." The final impetus, if needed, was when his father lost his job, and Feliciano took his seductive Latin-American rhythm and blues to the coffee houses of JOHN L WALTERS | Greenwich Village. Since then,



Jose Feliciano woos the Jazz Café crowd Neville Elder

he's sold more than 90 million records, won handfuls of Grammys and played alongside Joni Mitchell, the Grateful Dead and Chuck Berry

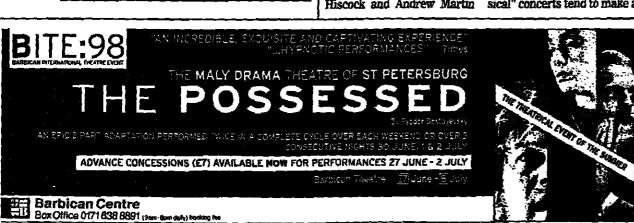
Though he's never stopped touring, and works to a killer schedule, he's back in vogue because his bluesy tenor and intimate flamenco-style guitar have touched a nerve with jazzfunk clubbers. But that means little to Feliciano, whose live show can veer from the tender beauty of the songs he sings in Spanish to certain ill-advised MOR covers. Some of his choices stray perilously close to easy listening but, at 53, Feliciano isn't bere to reinvent

himself for the club generation and it would probably be a bad idea if he tried.

A slight man, who has to be led carefully down the venue's steep steps to the stage, he launches into a steamy "Feel" Like Making Love", a sparkling. "Dance With Me", and a psychedelic "Sunshine of Your Love". The aces he holds are his eloquent guitar playing and a voice that's both coaxing and vulnerable. It's wooing, yet achingly uncertain, and this, I think, is just where we came in

GLYN BROWN

Jose Feliciano plays the Jazz Cafe all this week.



A journey to the dark side

Paula Vogel thinks paedophilia lurks in us all, and her new play is intended

to expose it. By Marianne Brace

aula Vogel leans forward and fixes her gaze on me. "The phrase 'family values' just makes my hair curl," she says, pronouncing each word slowly, deliberately. "In Russia, the term for adult is aunt or uncle - everyone is a member of the family. In the United States, you'll let the whole community go burn in hell, so long as your family is taken care of. It's that return to the Republican values of the 1950's. I want to say, "So, let's look at who is sitting around the kitchen table then."

Sitting around the table in How I Learned to Drive, Vogel's latest play is Li'l Bit's "cracker' (redneck) family from rural Maryland. Everyone gets nicknamed after their genitalia and the preferred topic of conversation is Li'l Bit's enormous breasts. Grandma was married at 15 still believing in Santa Claus; Marna believes men are only after one thing. Teenage Lil Bit is learning to "drink like a man", and to "drive with power and assurance". She's also being sexually molested by her charming, alcoholic Uncle Peck

How I Learned to Drive won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, a film version is being mooted with the Australian Fred Schepisi (Plenty, Six Degrees of Separation, The Chant of Jimmy Blacksmith) as director, and now a new production is opening at The Donmar Warehouse. Vogel, author of 22 plays and a lecturer in drama at Brown University, is no stranger to awards. The first play she wrote, at the age of 24, won a national competition. Her Baltimore Waltz scooped an Obie.

What made Vogel choose paedophilia as a subject? Hasn't it been done to death? Vogel, grey-haired and bespectacled, is nodding. "I'm very fond of a theorist by the name of Victor Shklovsky from whom Bertolt Brecht ripped off the alienation effect. Shklovsky says the purpose of art is to make us notice what is so close to us, so that it's familiar, and then to estrange it and make us look again. You can't have estrangement unless it's a very well-

usual path. Li'l Bit is preyed upon, yet strong anti-realist streak in her work broadly. Not only do Li'l Bit's family



'How I Learned To Drive'

there's also a degree of consent. "I wanted to write a balancing act, to be empathic in a way that perhaps hadn't been done before.' Peck's seduction isn't strictly incest - he's an uncle by marriage. The character abuses his niece yet remains sympathetic. "Peck quite won my heart. I do find him attractive," says Vogel cheerfully. "It wouldn't work if he didn't have charm. I want people to say, 'He's gorgeous' ".

The idea for the play began over 20 years ago with "a rather obsessive reading and re-reading of Nabokov's Lolita - an absolutely favourite book of mine." Vogel discovered the novel in her first year at Cornell University. "I found it shocking and amazing reading it at the height of my rabid feminism. To read that book and completely empathise with Humbert Humbert is a remarkable thing."

Negative empathy, or being drawn to the dark side, is something Vogel likes in theatre. But I don't think America has an easy time with showing the dark side and accepting it. There's a great deal of resistance to negative empathy. Americans don't want to think about the past, about death, about the ephemeral."

Vogel's writing has been likened to Sam Shepard's. "American writers seem obsessed with the family. We see the family as a metaphor for outside political concerns," says Vogel. But she considers herself in the tradition of British playwrights like David But Vogel isn't hiking down the Hare and Harold Pinter. There's a



Paula Vogel embraces the dark side: I am concerned with the paedophile in every one of us,' she says

fair but, on a broader scale, Vogel be-

lieves we should all think about what

we're prepared to condone. "At what

age are we projecting sexuality on to

young boys and girls? I think we're

cultural participants to some extent

we find the paedophile in each and

everyone of us," she says, smiling be-

nignly over the tops of her glasses.

"I think we're trained to sexualise

children and that's repellent and

frightening to me. I was writing in this

Calvin Klein barrage of adds and

"I am really concerned with where

in lowering that age.

In How I Learned to Drive, she not intuit and therefore collude in the af-

learn to drive at an age of sexual adolescence." Paedophiles rely on ensemble self might be responsible." trapment. Peck offers his niece something forbidden - he allows her to drive when she is under age. One forbidden thing leads to another. Vogel says she felt uneasy while writing the play. "One of the things

I wanted to write about was a response to what I call cultural victimisation," she says. "I feel in the United States there's been this heightened victimisation. Therapy is a wonderful thing. But there is also a talk show mentality in which one is encouraged to wallow in it. something about the driving In order to move on you can't demetaphor occurred to me. Most of us monise the people who've hurt you. not necessarily male or female."

But that's not to lose sight of Peck's agenda. Vogel gives us a chilling reminder in a scene where uncle and nephew are fishing together. The boy, seeing the dying fish, begins to cry. Peck comforts him, suggests going to the tree house to share a heer. It will be their secret.

Vogel included the scene because, "in the United States, paedophilia has been attached to gay men. Homosexuality has been demonised. But statistics show that it is usually married men, often pillars of the community, and the love object is children,

'LOLITA' AND AFTER

L*olita*, now back on screen in Adrian Lyne's new version, was the template. "All at once I knew I could kiss her throat or the wick of her mouth with perfect impunity. I knew she would let me do so, and even close her eyes as Hollywood teaches,' said Humbert Humbert

Last year Kathryn Harrison confessed all the way to the bank with her book The Kiss, an account of her affair with her father. Harrison broke the ultimate taboo - consensual incest.

King Lear and his daughters inspired Jane Smiley's novel, and now the film, of A Thousand Acres. The action is transplanted to the rural Midwest. Farmer Larry Cook is king of all he surveys: his word is law, including his requirement that his daughters give him sexual gratification.



According to Vogel, How I Leaned to Drive isn't, however, just a play about paedophilia, it's also about empowerment. "Peck teaches Li'l Bit how to drive. He gives her confidence

- and the power to control and destroy him. It's a play about the gifts we receive from the people that hurt us." As the play ends we see grown up Li'l Bit in her own car. Peck's ghost lingers. The stage directions tell us they are happy to be going for a long drive together. The journey isn't over but at least Li'l Bit's behind the wheel.

Donmar Warehouse, London WC2 (0171-369 1732), booking to 8 August

A place that pushes your buttons

only uses alienation techniques but

lying behind the dashboard when the

girl is 17. As the play scrolls back-

wards Li'l Bit gets younger and

younger, 13 when her uncle pho-

tographs her for Playboy, 11 when he

first fondles her. By scrambling the

chronology, Vogel makes us con-

stantly readjust to what is happening.

was a tribute to Hilary Clinton's

book It Takes a Village to Raise a

Child. I wanted it to be It Takes a Vil-

lage to Molest a Child." Vogel smiles

"The original tag-line in my head

We first meet uncle and niece dal-

has a Greek chorus, too.

No egos, no tantrums. The Cabaret Mechanical

Theatre sounds like directors' heaven. By David Wilson

tiger grinds the last vestiges of flavour from a victim's braces. An athlete with the face of a Jesus pieta skips floppily, on the edge of collapse. A cat laps at a splatter of poisoned milk then keels over, while a piano playing itself debriously goes on. Welcome to the Cabaret Me-

man Phillip

chanical Theatre. Based in a Covent Garden cellar, its actors are push-button automata (objects that mimic the actions of living things). Since automata pretty much amount for their movements I feel compelled to push every button and witness each character's furiously obessive performance.

The theatre was founded by a group of Falmouth Art College students in the late Seventies. It seems a far cry from the histrionic arts, and automatonmaker Aidan Lawrence admits it is partly a send-up.

Like most of the artists represcrited, Lawrence got into auomata via Lego. He sees the

wit, intelligence and individuality in an increasingly homogeneous and mass-produced world.

surdity. A mood exacerbated by the jangling piano. The poor automata are remorselessly thwarted in their efforts to grab the petty items they crave - be it an ant or a carrot.

But they refuse to stop trying. Which calls to mind Tantalus, trapped in Hades, eternally reaching for the fruit that hangs within his grasp. then rises out of reach.

Perhaps the most hopeless automaton of all is the skinhead star of "Job Opportunities". Rigid, he stares at the Beano. With his free hand, periodically, he lifts the lid from a covered green banana so it can ripen. The reality of

THIS IS peculiar. A man-eating Cabaret Theatre as a haven of Mediterranean worm which, according to the writing on a tablet, constituted their staple diet. Apparently, "Harpies can be distinguished from sirens by It's also an exploration of abobserving their working methods: the sirens' modus operandi consisted in luring seafarers

> made housecalls." The lunacy absorbs me for a vibrant, unsettling hour. Then I decide to consult an oracle. Following written commandments, I lick the back of my hand then press my arm on the

to their doom whereas Harpies

shrine worktop. Pd meant to ask the meaning of life. But confronted with the Oracle's bald staring face and mechanical claw, I just mumble: "Anybody home?". Promptly the Oracle stamps my hand with a dry ink pad then pours sand on top - it

n s so grim it's finny—I keep catching myself laughing out loud. I am enchanted by the pair of Harpies extracting the tank. The operator connections to the first section of the



Welcome to the cabaret, where all the performers are automata

what went wrong into the si- Larry's Love Line, which es- air spurts into my ear. I stare lence. All Elvis does is sing dreamily and almost inaudibly. Before I can think of the name of the song, the line goes dead. The King's exposed heart (or it is a poisoned kidney?) spins round and reveals the

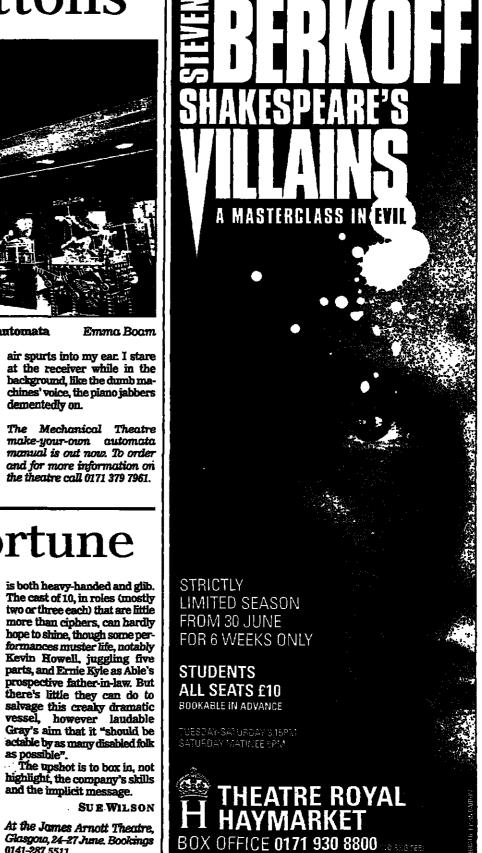
word "Mum". I don't quite get it. With a

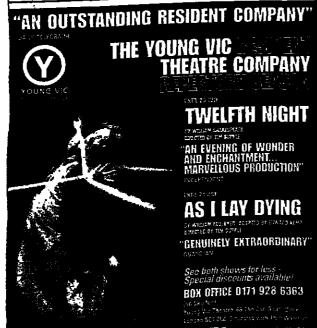
begins to glow. Then I hear a chines' voice, the piano jabbers voice like that of Tom Waits and dementedly on. Barry White all rolled into one.

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The wheel of misfortune

SUBTITLED A Play for People Without Them, this satirical comedy by the oddball Scottish author Alasdair Gray - winner of the 1993 Whitbread Prize for Poor Things - is his first theatrical writing since the days of the last Labour administration. In many ways, unfortunately, you can tell: the ghost of Seventies agit-prop looms

large and lumbering. The piece was commissioned by Birds of Paradise, a Glasgow-based company that creates opportunities for actors with physical disabilities, and perhaps their and Gray's primary mistake was to zero in on the theme of disability itself. Gray posits a world where the able-bodied are a marginalised minority, pitied, reviled and

REVIEW WORKING LEGS

TRAVERSE THEATRE EDINBURGH/TOURING discriminated against by the

wheelchair-using majority, with all facilities designed to accommodate those on wheels, rather than on "working legs". Following a near-fatal road

crash, hapless wage-slave Able McCann finds himself consigned to an ambulatory existence - unable to adapt back to life in a wheelchair, he is registered as "hypermanic" with the social welfare department. Despite finding romance with

disapproval soon threaten his is both heavy-handed and glib. new-found happiness.

Clearly, it provides for plenty of inversion comedy: the ablebodied contending with low doors and ceilings, and never standing in a bar trying vainly to get served, being palmed off with the excuse that "it's not easy to see people whose heads aren't at normal height". What it doesn't provide for is narrative or character development.

The effect might have been softened had the writing displayed more of Gray's signature wit and quirky flourish, but it's and the implicit message. in the frequently wooden, awkwardly fashioned dialogue that a colleague, government cuts the fore. Similarly, much of the and her parents' prejudiced jibing at DSS and New Labour 0141-287 5511.

The cast of 10, in roles (mostly two or three each) that are little more than ciphers, can hardly hope to shine, though some performances muster life, notably having anywhere to sit; Able Kevin Howell, juggling five parts, and Ernie Kyle as Able's prospective father-in-law. But there's little they can do to salvage this creaky dramatic vessel, however laudable

The upshot is to box in, not highlight, the company's skills

those Seventies spectres are to At the James Arnott Theatre, Glasgow, 24-27 June. Bookings

CLOTHES LINE



OUT OF THE CLOSET

SAMANTHA NORMAN, ROVING TV PRESENTER AND SELF-CONFESSED SHOPAHOLIC, OPENS THE DOORS ON HER WARDROBE...

mess. I love my clothes, but for good over my bump. It did, but to some reason I feel the need to throw them around a lot - probably because I've got so many, there's nowhere to put them all. As you can guess, I shop a lot. In fact, it has become a compulsion. As a TV presenter you are judged by what you look like, and I think that, coupled with my love of dressing up and my Dad (Barry Norman), who is also a shopaholic, has led to my addiction. My general rule is to wear white in summer and black in winter, but at the moment I am wearing a sugar pink cardigan a lot which I bought at Etam. The cardie, together with my Dolce Gabanna sunglasses - which will have to be surgically removed from my head soon - and a pair of high Gina shoes, are my

favourite things at the moment. I think my worst ever buy was an Idol dress I wore to the BAFTA Awards last year. I was eight months pregnant at the

time, and I thought it would look going to wear once, is a fortune.

For work, I buy a lot of Strenesse suits. They make me feel confident M&S I don't like so much. Their colours don't suit me, but I do like Morgan, it's so sexy, and good for staple items. I also shop at Hype DF and Kookai for bits and bobs.

I'd say my overall style is eclectic but particular. There are a few items in my wardrobe that don't fit that description. Both were presents from my parents and have great sentimental value. Dad bought me a black leather mini-skirt when I was 16 that I still have, and mum knitted me a jumper with the face of my pony on it. I also have a red sun-dress I've had for ten years, which I still wear. If I were to offer any fashion advice it would be to buy kids clothes. There's no VAT on them, so they're a lot cheaper.

MELANIE RICKEY

HOT THING

THE HUSSEIN CHALAYAN SAMPLE SALE COVENT GARDEN



CHECK THE bank account for funds, ask for an overdraft, or borrow some money, quick. All day tomorrow, Friday and Saturday, British designer Hussein Chalayan is holding a unique sale of his clothes. It is not a sample sale in the traditional sense: they usually offer end-of-line items, clothes, shoes and accessories, used in seasonal catwalk shows or left over from previous seasons. This sale offers a comprehensive selection from his current collection - the clothes available in the shops now - at prices that will quicken the pulse of his legion of fans, and excite lovers of avantgarde British fashion.

A sneak preview revealed day-wear pieces in white and navy linen, including skirt front trousers, wide leg trousers, a Mongolian style jacket and a few jersey dresses with his signature spirograph print, and knits but no evening wear. The cape-sleeved jacket and pleated Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm Saturday from 11 am to 4 pm

skirt shown above, for example, would have cost £525 from a boutique, but it will be £250 all-in from the sale. Interested? If you are, bear in mind the average price for a jacket is £170, a skirt £70 and a pair of trousers about £85. These prices, while hardly a snip, are not to be sniffed at; I looked in at French Connection on Saturday and there was, as usual, some lovely things to buy, in particular a gorgeous pleated skirt for £30. I nearly bought it, but the possibility of having a Hussein Chalayan pleated skirt for £70 was infinitely more appealing, and frankly, an opportunity not to be missed.

MELANIE RICKEY

Hussein Chalayan, Room B, 1st Floor Rear, 71 Endell Street. Covent Garden London WC2 Enquiries: 0171 379 5236 Thursday from 10 am to 7 pm



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Above: the Miss Fleur team and their children, dressed in their mothers' bohemian designs. Below: Sarah Hiscox from Utiliti, with her son

Mother knows best

Buying your children clothes can be hard on your wallet and even harder on your wardrobe. But three British mothers have designs to change all that. By Jessica Stein

DESIGNER KIDSWEAR does not have to mean DKNY or Calvin Klein clothes that are often just overpriced versions of basics from Gap. But do not despair: there is an alternative to both designer logos and the high street's obsession with Sporty Spice. Three independent British companies are making clothes they hope both you and your child will really, really want.

Utiliti, Rachel Riley and Miss Fleur are all run by mothers who work from home, manufacturing their clothes on a small scale and selling through chic, modern boutiques. Not only are you buying a unique piece of organic quality clothing you are buying into part of a homegrown lifestyle as well

Sarah Hiscox, of the Utiliti label, started designing children's clothes about a year and a half ago. "I've got a little boy of three and I was very frustrated with the clothes that were available for him," she says. You either had Gap, which is very preppy American, Hennes, which is quite tacky, or Paul Smith, which is

Sarah sells her clean, simple, Eastern-modern, denim clothing at The Cross near London's Holland Park. The Mickey Mouse free zone of Utitliti was established after a brief spell with ex-model Jenny Howarth when Sarah's company, then known as Howarth Hiscox, became Utiliti.

Hiscox's concept was simple and clever: to design matching clothes for mothers and children. The collection starts at around £18 for a baby hat to £40 for a pair of children's trousers. "I wanted clothes that I would wear but shrunk in size," she explains. Two seasons on, her modernist, no-frills clothes for 0-8 year olds and adults - denim Nehru jackets, combat trousers and simple quality hand knitted sweaters have caused a flurry among celebrity mothers, including Nicole Kidman, Paula Yates, Jade Jagger and

Yasmin Le Bon. Despite having already been contacted by Harrods, Sarah is for the moment staying manageably small. She is now in partnership with former fashion coordinator for Macys in San Francisco, Kathleen Bolwell, and the two have plans to produce a clean, modern, mail-order catalogue by Christmas.

Down in Knightsbridge, former model, Rachel Riley has set up another indie kid haven. She started off by selling her self-made, traditional children's clothes by mail-order. Five years on, she has recently opened a shop selling both children's and ladieswear in London's new boutique location, Pont Street.

"I would never have dared set up a shop without having had a regular clientele," says Rachel. "I think catalogues are really practical but



you need to see and touch the clothes to see the quality of the fabrics and manufacturing "

Rachel commutes to London three times a week from her home in The Loire Valley. Her photographer husband shoots their catalogues and postcards which feature Rachel and their three children. Working from home is extremely practical for women like me with young children," she says. "It doesn't mean to say because you manufacture you have to go off to Hong Kong or China or India and have vast quantities of things made up. There's another way of doing it on a smaller scale."

The Rachel Riley selection of traditional clothes is not run of the mill Pyjamas come with leopard

print piping and matching leopard print slippers and embroidered organdy dresses are lined with white muslin. She has everything, from Liberty print smock dresses to Jellys, all sold beautifully packaged with a bag of sugared almonds tossed in for that extra something.

We are not harking back to some kind of 'lost era', but there are a whole load of classics, that unless you can do them better, they're probably not worth changing at all. We are trying to do something traditional but interesting as well," she savs.

For something a bit more bohemian, Miss Fleur is like the ultrahip South Kensington label, Voyage, but for 2-8 year olds. The label is run by four women: Tiphame de Lussy, Natascha Radclyffe-Thomas, Carolyn Clewer and former stylist Carole McIlwain. "We didn't want to go back to full-time jobs with mad hours. We wanted to be in charge of our time and be able to look after our kids." says former Royal College fashion graduate Tiphaine, who also happens to be married to Dinos Chapman She dreamt up the concept with Natascha two years ago. We felt that there was a gap in the market for what we wanted to do, which was partywear. We began to make these dresses, mixing up colours and fabrics but keeping the

silhouette simple. Everything is tried out on their

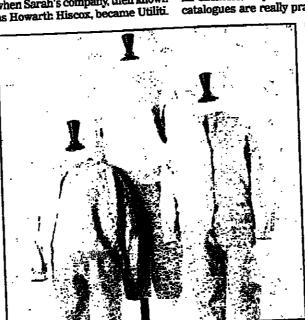
kids, who also modelled at Miss Fleur's first fashion show at Alternative Fashion Week in March 1997. This season's collection is Chinese inspired, with Tiger Lily dresses in two-tone silk. For next winter, the theme is "Princess", with medievalshaped dresses in denim and silk. "We always look for quirky concepts, never the obvious," says: Miss Fleur is available at The

Cross, as well as Small Talk in Nottingham. At the moment they're content to manufacture and market their transfer print T-shirts and satin make-up bags themselves on a small scale.

Rachel Riley, 14 Pont Street, London SW1, mail order and enquiries 0171-259 5969. Prices from slippers, £28; cotton dress, £40; em-

broidered organdy dress, £175. Utiliti, available from The Cross, 141 Portland Road, London W11, enquiries 0171-727 6760. Prices from: kmitted hat, £18; denim trousers, £40; knitted jacket, £45.

Miss Fleur, available from The Cross, as before and Small Talk. 102A Parliament Street, Nottingham, enquiries 0115-948 1303. Prices from: Chinese turquoise dress, £50; yellow party dress with pink net underskirt, £60.







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Beauty school drop out

Pull on those pedal pushers: Grease is at the cinema and the Fifties are back. By Tamsin Blanchard. Photographs by Jon Mortimer

rease is the word and by the time the movie is released on the big screen in July - the look, too. Every so often, fashion returns to the style of the Fifties. John Galliano did it with his pin-up collection in the summer of 1995 when he had his models wearing bustiers and prom dresses draped over candy-coloured Chevrolets. Versace did baby-coloured

he moved away completely from his usual ethnic inspiration and designed a collection of prim pencil skirts and dresses with big skirts.

The Fifties draws designers to itself like a magnet, attracted to the movie-star glamour, poring over pictures of Marilyn Monroe, Grace Kelly and Doris Day. They hark back to the glory days of Christian Everywhere I look, I see pedal push-

bobby socks and satin pencil skirts. Dior, Balenciaga and Givenchy. They Dries Van Noten had a season when teenager, at the end of the Fifties, kids stopped dressing as minireplicas of their parents and adopted a style of their own. The Fifties is the one decade that never really goes away: it is always on the brink of revival, and an endless source of

inspiration, from Hollywood to Elvis. This summer is no exception.

ers, pastel colours, and denim. Instead of the decade's grown up couture, this season's look stems from western-style, bubble-gum-chewing prom queens and American teeny boppers. It's not just a Fifties revival; it is a Fiorucci revival. The Italian company was in its heyday in the Seventies when the King's Road store repackaged the Fifties in its own bright, brash and trashy style. These days, you have to go to Milan for the

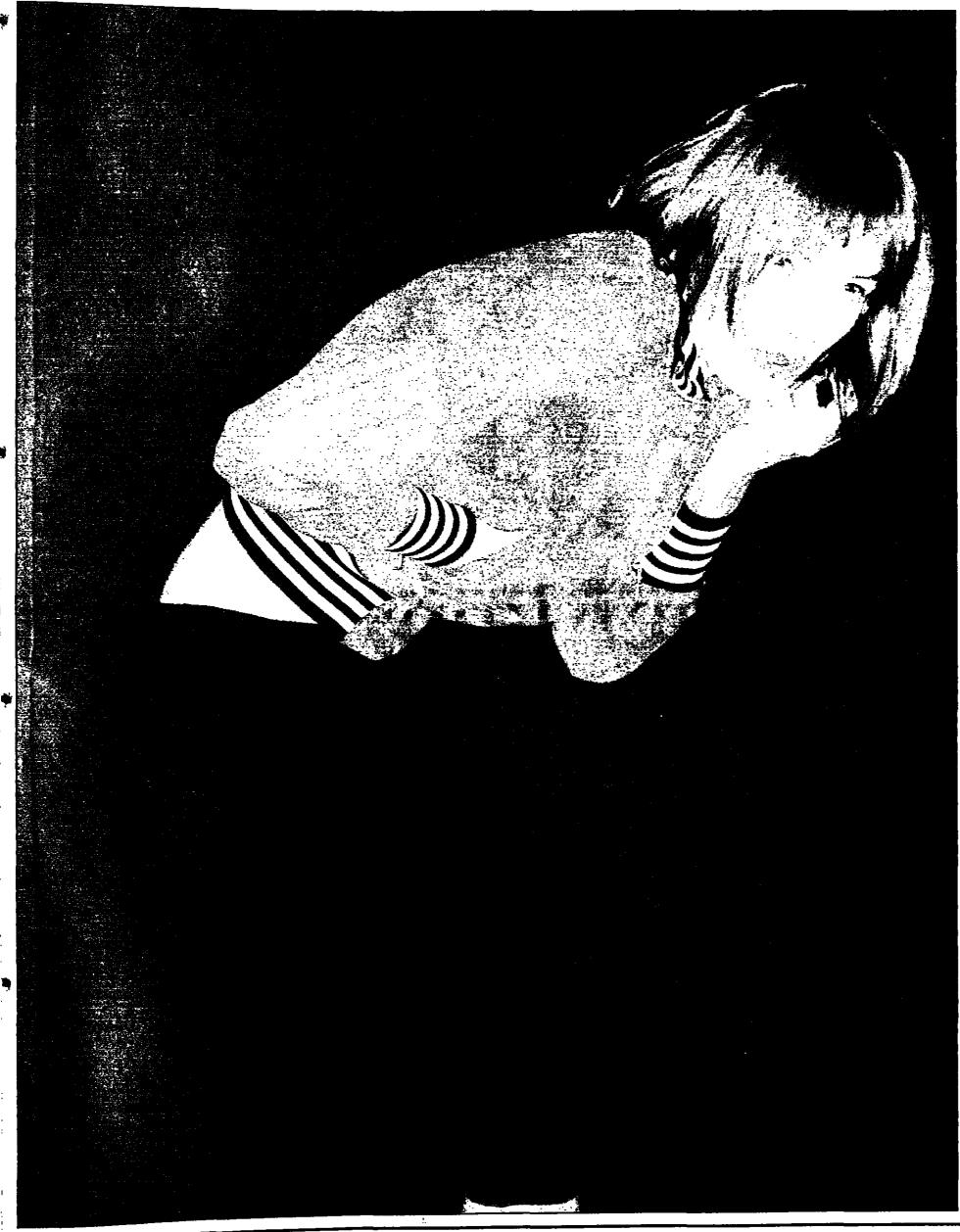
been pillaged by stores such as French Connection who are selling out of their denim stretch drainpipe pedal pushers (like the ones that used to require the help of a coat hanger and an extra pair of hands to pull the zip up, before Fiorucci came up with the bright idea of stretch) faster than they can stock them.

Grease was first released in 1978 when the Fifties were only just ripe his spring/summer collection. The

Florucci experience. But the look has for revival. Twenty years later, the movie's style - a pastiche of the orig-Side Story. Rebel Without a Cause and American Graffiti - looks as fresh and as hip as ever. Patrick Cox thinks so, too, looking to the Fiorucci Fifties for his summer collection. The designer, who now designs clothes as well as shoes, staged a mock photo shoot instead of a catwalk show for

glossy lips and Pink Lady jump suits, bomber jackets and spray-on trousers, posed for the camera.

The best way to avoid looking like a Fifties throwback is to mix the new with the old; an original satin bomber jacket from a vintage clothing store with a pair of new Levi's, cropped a few inches short of the ankle. Bobby socks are not advisable unless you are under the age of 12.









Styling: Sophia Neophitou; Hair and Make-up: Alex Babsky at Mandy Coakley, using Estée Lauder; Model: Roksanda at Storm; Photographer's assistant: Mark

Main picture: Red bomber jacket, £155, from Patrick Cox, oane St, London, SW1, enquiries, 0171-730 6504; black pedal pushers, £29, from Top Shop, branches nationwide, enquiries, 0171-291 2706

Top: Pedal pushers, £75, by Ally Capellino, 66 Sloane Avenue, London SW3, enquiries, 0171-591 8201; ruched pink top with drawstrings, £35, by Giant, from Selfridges, Oxford Street, London W1, enquiries, 0171-255 3007; stretch denim jacket, £55, from Warehouse, branches na-

tionwide, enquiries 0171-278 3491
Middle: Stretch 805 jeans approx. £50, from Levis, 174/176
Regent Street London W1, enquiries, 01604-790 436; onearm ruched denim-blue top, £39, from Joseph, 26 Sloane Street, London, SW1, enquiries, 0171-590 6200; cream stiletto shoes, £40, from Faith, 192/194 Oxford Street, Lon-

don W1, enquiries, 0800-289 297
Bottom: Blue satin tour jacket, £65, from American Classics, 404 King's Road, London SW10, enquiries 0171-351



Silver Byblos jacket

The early bird gets the bargain

BAD JUNE weather may have kept you swathed in waterproofs, or indoors until last weekend, but look on the bright side; it resulted in the summer sales starting one month earlier than usual. A number of reasons were bandied about as to why "July" sales have crept into June - from "it feels like the right time", to "no particular strategy". But, as one honest retailer commented "we

haven't had a very good season". In a nutshell, this means you can buy designer clothes at sale prices. Swift action is required but check your credit card limit and hit the sales now - there's

much more choice. Secondly, start at designer level and work your way down. The best places to start are always at the designer emporiums, like Dolce & Gabanna (40 per cent off), Comme des Garçons (30 per cent off), and Liberty (up to 50 per cent off), whose sales began last week. The High Street kicks into action from next week.

Liberty has discounts on every fabulous designer worth mentioning, including Ann Demeulemeester, Galliano and McQueen. In fact, their half price for one McQueen women's jack- pect the crepe soled, backless Gucci-logo halterneck dress at

£222, and a Helmut Lang men's in my wardrobe soon. cotton suit has gone from £585 to £350, which will annoy the people who paid full price just a few preferred the liquid silver Bybweeks ago. Other designer's on offer at half price include English Eccentrics and Betty Jackson.

Confronted with a choice of designer menswear bargains, I couldn't choose between a loud and colourful Issey Miyake photoprint cagoule or more sober cotton combat trousers from Joseph and the khaki shirt from Paul Smith, shown right. I still bargains are worth queueing can't make up my mind, but sus-

et has been reduced from £445 to loafers from Patrick Cox will be Joseph, down from £610 to £430,

Hannah Hunter, left, was also faced with a sale dilemma. She los jacket, and Sportmax beaded skirt and camisole shown out their 30% reduced rail of phohere, reduced from £409 to £297, over a pink devoré Whistles dress, down from £155 to £77, despite the additional cost. Hannah's sale shopping motto is: "You can get practicality from Oxfam; when I go looking for bargains, they must be glamourous." For outright glamour, she could pick-up a slinky, black

or one of Ally Capellino's elegant range of bias cut dresses, from £348 to £243. Alternatively, she could drop into Pleats Please (offshoot of Issey Miyake) and check toprint dresses. If Hannah wants a day off from being a glamourpuss, however, Emporio Armani's classic wide-leg grey herringbone trouser suit may be just the ticket. It might cost £265 (a saving of £114), but will retain its elegance and style long after the liquid silver jacket loses its



ADAM FULCHER Paul Smith and Joseph

Never mind the width, feel the quality

Maximum market share, the goal of all good business planning, may be a red herring. By Roger Trapp

ciple that is reckoned to be behind guiding light, the compass of the success in business, it is probably gaining market share. This is the thinking behind much of the current crop of mergers; for example, those that created the accounting behemoth Pricewaterhouse Coopers, "the world's biggest professional services firm". Aiming to be number one is seen as such a self-evidently grand strategy that to question it is thought of as naive in the extreme. Get lots of revenue and profits will inevitably follow, not least because of the resulting economies of scale, goes the argument.

But while this sort of approach may have worked for Lord Weinstock when he was building up GEC, it does not seem as powerful today as many merger partners would have you believe. Indeed, some of PWCoopers' rivals in the

Such well-known US companies as IBM, General Motors, Ford, Kodak and Sears Roebuck have achieved leading market shares and vet seen their profitability, and hence their share values, eroded

professional services field take the view that there are some clients they would rather not have, and there is a growing school of thought that believes that "market share is dead".

As Adrian Slywotzky and David Morrison of Mercer Management Consulting point out in their book The Profit Zone (John Wiley & Sons.) £16.99), some disturbing examples have subverted "the widespread faith in market share as the ultimate goal and guarantor of business success". Such well-known US companies as IBM, Digital Equipment, General Motors, Ford, Kodak and Sears Roebuck have achieved leading market shares and yet seen their profitability, and hence their share values, eroded during the 1980s.

Some of these organisations have recovered of late, but the authors attribute that recovery at least in part to focusing on profit, rather than just market share. In short, they have realised that, though market

IF THERE is a single guiding prin-share was "the grand old metric, the product-centric age", it is no longer. The thoughtful manager will

probably have come to this conclusion, simply by looking around and seeing how many companies - par-ticularly in the high-tech arena have made healthy profits just by operating effectively in niches. But it is quite another thing to work out a way of turning a company focused on market share into one that concentrates on profitability.

Slywotzky and Morrison argue that this is dependent on understanding the concept of "no-profit zones", or the "black boles of the business universe". These come in various forms. They can be part of the value chain - for example distribution in computers. They can be customer segments - ie, consistent bad debtors, if you are a utility, or those who remain steadfastly in the black and carry out few transactions if you are a bank. They can be entire industries - for example, environmental remediation. Or they can be entire business models, such as the integrated steel mills that have been bested by the "mini-mills".

Once this concept is clear, the the-(oes, managers wiii de a identify "profit-zones". The Mercer consultants illustrate their case with instances of well-known business leaders such as Jack Welch of General Electric of the United States, former Coca-Cola chief executive Roberto Goizueta and Michael Eisner of Disney who have seen how they can create value for their organisations.

At Disney, for example, Eisner has used merchandise licensing to knit the empire together. Mickey Mouse, the Lion King and other characters are pressed into action to provide a common link between films, theme parks, hotels, videos and even clothes. There is little risk of somebody, particularly a child, just seeing a film, or visiting a theme park. It is little wonder that Slywotzky and Morrison reckon Disney is able to take as much of 75 per cent of a family's holiday spend - by owning the hotel, the theme park, the restaurants, the merchandise.

But this is not the only way of achieving the "right kind of growth". While Disney is not too fussy about who its customers are, so long as they spend lots of money, other companies clearly take the view that some customers are more valuable than others.

This is most apparent in financial services, where insurance companies, for instance, will refuse to take on certain high risks because their strategy is to offer low premiums to particular customers. This



Disney may rely on Goofy and other cartoon characters for its image, but the reality is that its theme

new entrants to the market have proved very successful while older established names have often struggled. It also helps explain why the Texas-based company Dell is a darling stock of the computer business despite being a manufacturer of hardware, and therefore much less profitable, supposedly, than processor or software businesses

According to Orit Gadiesh and James Gilbert, partners at the Bain & Co consultancy, the company founded in 1984 by Michael Dell got into trouble when it decided to break with its original strategy of selling by mail order. Going into retail produced plenty of growth -50 per cent a year from 1989 to 1993 - but the company stopped making money and actually suffered losses.

ness Review, Gadiesh and Gilbert it can respond more quickly than quote Kevin Rollins, the company's vice-chairman, as saving that "Dell had lost its focus on the most profitable customer segments and on a distribution model that is at heart more efficient than what the retail-

er can provide." Analysing the data, the company's executives concluded that retail was simply not a profitable channel for Dell - or for most other companies selling computers. Moreover, when the company pulled out of retail in 1994, it geared its business to serving only the most profitable segments of its customer base, such as large companies. In the years since then, the company has regularly "resegmented" its customer base, tracking shifts in what the con-

competitors to changes in the market. And when it entered the mass consumer market, which it had habitually stayed away from, it took care - through the product mix and their pricing - to attract customers who are technologically more sophisticated, and hence more prof-

itable, than entry-level buyers. Profit zone or profit pool: though the detail is different, the concept is the same. Successful companies are realising that, even though going for growth is probably more sustainable than cost-cutting, growth alone is not enough. It is the type of growth that counts and that means acknowledging that not all customers are created equal - and that not all business is good business.

Unhealthy row over PFI plan for hospitals

Treasury and ASB are at loggerheads over a political matter. By Paul Gosling

looks set to hit further trouble, with the disclosure that the Treasury and the Accounting Standards Board still seem unable to reach agreement on how to account for PFI deals. Meanwhile, political opposition to the PFI has been taken on by the British Medical Association, concerned that there could be major job losses of doctors and nurses at hospitals that are redeveloped using the PFL

It had seemed likely that the ASB, headed by the no-nonsense Sir David Tweedie, and the Treasury would reach a compromise on PFI accounting Conciliation had been assisted by the Treasury allocating an official to sit on the ASB's working party to examine PFI arrangements, and the group visiting PFI-funded projects to see the benefits of the schemes for themselves.

But after months of discussions the Treasury is still determined to attract private finance to redevelop the public infrastructure, while not counting it against the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement or the now increasingly used General Gov-ernment Financial Deficit. The ASB, is equally adament that where there is an asset, financed by underlying debt, it should appear on a balance sheet. Past failures to report such debts were a prime cause of corporate failures, it points out.

In the end, says the Treasury, it can do what it likes. The ASB has jurisdiction only over the private sector. But says the ASB, this makes a mockery of the Government's attempts to harmonise private and public sector accounting standards.

The ASB recently conducted a survey of accountancy firms to ensure they supported the ASB's line. The outcome was another division. Auditors were fully behind the ASB. Corporate finance advisers, on the other hand, did not want to undermine the PFT's progress.

It is wrong, says the ASB, to treat all public assets the same, and assume that risk can equally be transferred from the public to the private sectors. "A road may easily transfer to the private sector, but with hospitals it is more difficult," says Allan Cook, technical director of the ASB. "Most of the risks in a hospital will not be connected to the building. The risk will still be borne by the Government."

Mr Cook says the Treasury is wrong to focus so heavily on risk. transfer. A good PFI deal may still be justifiable without a transfer of risk if it achieves a reduction in revenue costs, even if the debt is stillincurred by the Government, which can borrow more cheaply than can the private sector. But, says Mr Cook, it is wrong for the Treasury to hide a debt which, if the crunch came, it would have to pick up.

A similar point is made by Ken Wild, of Deloitte & Touche. "At the moment people associate the PFI with off-balance sheet finance, which is seen as an accounting fiddle," he argues. "It is not in anybody's interest to have it viewed in that way."

Concerns have also been raised that the real cost of PFI deals in the long term may be higher than traditional borrowing arrangements.

Significantly, what has previously

appeared to be an esoteric debate

THE PRIVATE Finance Initiative between accountants and civil servants is now taking on a wider political dimension.

Dr Jean Shaoul, of Manchester University's department of finance and accounting, is a strong critic of the PFL She says that the public sector's move to resource accounting and the Treasury's drawing up a "Domesday" list of public assets, taken with the failure of the Government itself to finance capital projects, will exacerbate pressures on health trusts to enter into PFI contracts.

Under the Treasury's new resource accounting and budgeting rules, public bodies must now achieve a return on capital of 6 per cent. This aim is artificially made more difficult, argues Dr Shaoul, by valuing hospital buildings at current replacement cost, rather than at historic cost as the private sector would do. The rate of return can only be achieved by some hospitals if staffing levels and services are call, and surplus land disposed of.

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It is often the surplus land that makes hospitals particularly attractive for PFI deals, but under used land may be situated in the middle of a complex. This is leading to pressure to redevelop entire hospitals, even when comparatively modern. What is more, Dr Shaoul adds, there has been an average reduction of 30 per cent in beds and clinical jobs where hospitals are replaced under



Sir David Tweedle, chairman of the ASB

PFI contracts, because of the high PFI charges. But, she says, staffing cuts threaten income generation. It has been assumed by health

trusts and the Government that this bed and staff reduction is sustainable by discharging patients more quickly. Dr Shaoul and the BMA challenge this, saying that with more elderly and single people the policy can work only if local authorities and families take on responsibility for post-operative care.

Dr Shaoul predicts serious problems if the Government does not rethink both its PFI and resource accounting rules. "They are finan-cially unstable, and will have dire consequences of massive job losses and service reductions," she predicts. "They are effectively liquidating the public sector."

RORY HAS taken Sam to the cleaners. In a manner of speaking. What actually happened was a blazing row over Saturday lunch something to do with Rory having dinner with his wife - at the high point of which Sam stormed out and Rory hit the bottle. Several hours later, in a drunken rage, he bundled all Sam's designer duds into a taxi and drove off with them to the dry cleaners.

In itself, taking your girlfriend's clothes to be cleaned is not grounds for separation, especially when you were the one who bought them in the first place. Unfortunately, when he woke up in an alley off Oxford Street in the small hours, it was all he could do to remember his name, let alone where he'd taken Sam's threads. Someone had lifted his wallet as he slept, so he didn't

even have the receipts. When Sam came back from her mum's on Sunday afternoon and found her denuded ward-



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robe, the hoped-for reconciliation flowers, chocolates and dinner somewhere posh - bit the dust. Rory slept on the sofa at the far end of the Docklands warehouse conversion, saved from having the bedroom door slammed in his face only by the fact that there wasn't one.

Since then, they've hardly spoken, not even in the office. It isn't helping the poor girl's temper to have to walk around in her pre-Rory nylon suits from shops called things like "Miss Tammy" and "Empatique".

The not-talking bit is tricky given that Sam and Rory's jobs require them to talk to each other constantly. Still, it's amusing the rest of us to watch them trying to work without any direct communication. And it stops us brooding on the week's greatest tragedy, which is this: through some terrible cosmic oversight, we do not work for Goldman Sachs.

This would be more bearable if we hadn't, a year ago, been involved in some fairly heavy discussions with Goldman's about a team move there. The deal never came off, because Rory thought they were too boring for words, and they thought he was too "interesting". If it had, we would now be whooping it up big-time and planning ways to spend our

"Though what constitutes whooping it up' at Goldman Sachs is hard to imagine, isn't it?" Laura says thoughtfully, no doubt remembering that dinner where the Goldman boys drank

Perrier and picked at salads before dashing back for a midnight visit to the office.

"Don't worry, they'll find a way," I assure her. "Big, big houses and big, big cars, for a start. Then tiny, tiny mobile phones and tiny, tiny computers, and one day they'll realise they can't find a thing because it's all too small."

"Jealous?" asks Laura "As hell," I reply. I'm saved from further displays of bitterness by the phone, and I'm delighted to hear my mate James's voice at the other end. "What's up, James?" I try, and he tells me about his kid sister's hilarious first day at her Saturday job. "Some old bloke in his thirties, steaming drunk, staggered in with a huge pile of really great clothes. He could hardly see straight, he was so drunk.

What's the betting he doesn't even remember where he was?" "Pretty high, James," I laugh. "But I think I may be courses training people for able to solve the mystery ...'

KEITH DANIELS, of the Sheffield office of KPMG, has taken over the presidency of the Chartered Institute of Taxation and is determined to rationalise the way in which tax is gathered from small and medium-sized enterprises and so "simplify the relationship between the State and the taxpayer".

BDO STOY Hayward, the secondtier accountancy firm, has launched an "easy-to-use" company valuation tool. Developed using statistical analysis techniques by the mergers and acquisitions team at the firm, the PCPI Pricing Curve is a chart that shows the relationship between the profits of a company and the price that it should command on sale.

LONDON GUILDHALL University has set up a business school that will target what it sees as the lack of educational

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THE GOVERNMENT is to pioneer use of a smart-card signature service, launched last week by Barclays Bank, to enable new self-employed individuals to register their status on the Internet. This initial application of the Barclays Endorse card. which will enable documents to be signed digitally for submission via the Internet to the Contributions Agency, the Inland Revenue and HM Customs & Excise, will be tested over the next six months in nine locations around the country.

THE INTRODUCTION of the euro from next January will provide a major opportunity for information technology fraud, according to research by the IT services company GratnerGroup. It says that many European organisations preparing their IT systems for the euro, and also grappling with the Year 2000 problem, face significantly increased risks of financial loss from both inadvertent errors and intentional computer-related

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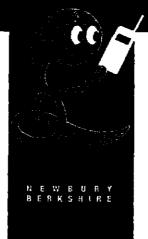
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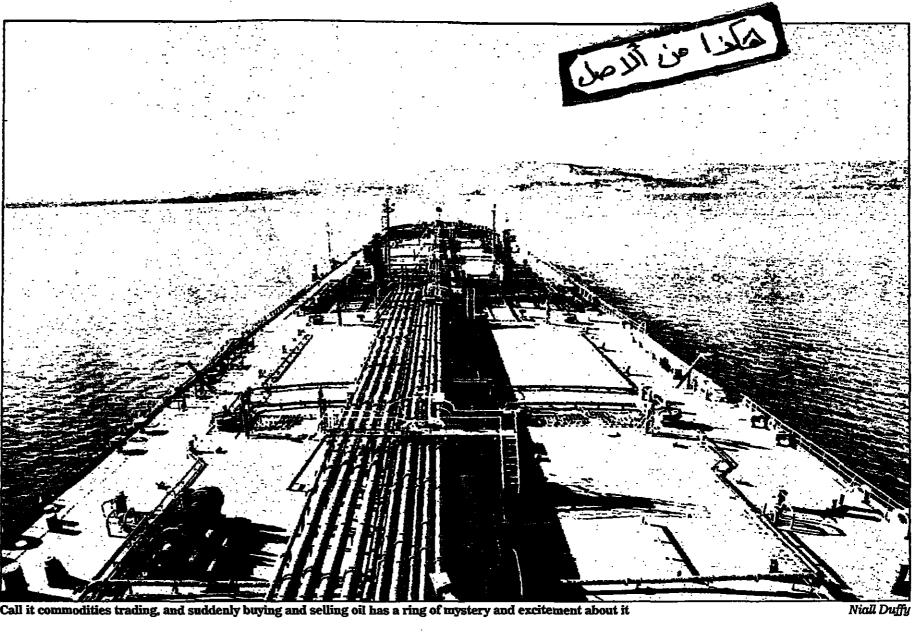
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For example, you might be happy to trade in an oil contract, but you will want to know the quantity of oil involved, the delivery date, the price and its grade. All these features are set down in considerable detail by the various markets (such as LIFFE, the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange), and this allows individuals to react quickly without ever having to think in depth about whether or not the "asset" in question is suitable. If someone buys a contract, then he is obliged to buy the asset on a particular date. If someone were to sell a commodities contract, then they would have to sell the particular assets in question on a particu-

As always, an example is the easiest way of understand why anybody would do this.

Imagine you are a speculator and you think that the price of oil is about to rocket because of difficulties in the oil producing regions. You would probably buy a futures con-



tract and would therefore be taking a "long position". Let's say the current futures prices of oil is £100 per contract (for easy reckoning). If, during the life of the contract, the price of the contract itself should rise to, say, £150, due to the perceived shortages actually becoming reality, then you would simply then sell your contract at £150 having made a handsome 50 per cent profit. At the same time the price of oil company shares may rise, but it would be by a much smaller amount. The best you could

It is important to understand that when you buy a commodities or futures contract, the most you can actually lose is the total amount of your investment - £100 in the above example if oil should become worthless. This is, of course, highly un-

hope for in the equities market

would be 4-5 per cent.

likely, and you should have the opportunity to follow the price down and salvage at least some of your money on the way out. The amount of profit you can make, however, is virtually unlimited.

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You can also profit from falling prices. Imagine you hear that huge amounts of oil are about to be discovered in Antarctica and that this will halve the price. In this case, you can go out and sell the contract you bought in the previous example, for the same amount. You have now received £100 but you are obliged to make delivery of the oil on the specified date. Of course, you know that oil will collapse in price, that you will be able to buy the contract to close out your position at £25, and will therefore make £75 profit.

The placing of an order in the commodities market is devastatingly simple once you have established a trading account. Imagine for example that you expect the price of oil to go down shortly. You will simply call your broker's trading desk and give your account number, asking to sell one June oil contract at the market. Your broker should hold for a few seconds before confirming that the deal has been done. This will be executed directly to the relevant trading floor at the relevant commodities exchange either by computer or by telephone. Your broker should then respond to the effect that

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Well, before you arrange coffee mornings for the next 30 years, this will not happen. As your contract nears maturity, be it long or short, your brokerage firm will be keeping a wary eye on it. Some time before "delivery". the firm will telephone all open long position holders and tell them to either close their position or prepare to take full delivery and also pay the value of the underlying contract. Similarly holders of open short contracts will be asked to close out their trades or make ready to deliver the underlying commodity (and show they have the required quantity and quality available).

Even manufacturers and processing companies who trade with cause the commodity contracts are rarely in the exact quality or grade that they need.

Instead they will close their position, having successfully hedged against price movements, and buy in the cash market. The cash market price will have followed the commodity price throughout the period in question. Only those companies who trade in a commodity for which they can find buyers of many different grades tend to take phys-

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Are you ready to rock 'n' dole?

Welfare to Work will allow budding musicians to continue to claim benefit, and the pop moguls say the rules will be as tight as the hottest band in town. By Paul Slade

NEW LABOUR'S Welfare to Work plans threatening dole payments for the young unemployed were the last straw for many of the party's supporters in the pop music industry.

People such as Creation Records' owner Alan McGee argue that the dole has played a vital part in building the UK pop industry, allowing talented beginners to work on their music for a few years with no distractions. Taking this basic subsidy away, they claim, would sabotage Britain's impressive record of producing internationally successful bands, and hit Britain's earnings from record sales abroad. Mr McGee should know

what he is talking about - he is the man who discovered Oasis. Last week, Andrew Smith,

the Employment Minister, announced details of the socalled "rock 'n' dole" scheme to allow 18-to-24-year-olds to continue claiming their Jobseekers' Allowance of £39.85 a week for 13 months, providing they can persuade the job centre clerks that they are seriously pursuing a career in music. The Conservatives have called this a "scroungers' charter".

Music industry professionals will train job centre staff to filter out obvious time-wasters, before conducting a second screening process themselves. This promises a fascinating clash of cultures as Civil Service bureaucracy rubs up against the anarchic rock and pop industry. Successful applicants



Even Oasis's Liam Gallagher had to start small

will then have meetings every two months with music industry volunteers to monitor their progress. But how can the scheme hope to distinguish between genuinely promising performers and the hordes of

no-hopers? Andy Saunders, head of communications at Creation Records, says: "What we are looking for is commitment and passion. Anybody who has got

any nous about the music business can sit down with somebody and work out whether being a musician is the right thing for them. If you and I had a conversation for an hour, I think you'd find it very hard to bullshit me.

"Make no mistake about this - if the young person is not fulfilling their responsibilities, they're off the scheme. We don't want people who are half-arsed

Jeremy Sutton-Hibbert about it." Like Mr McGee, he plans to volunteer as a mentor under the scheme, and is confident that many other music in-

dustry workers will too. Some people on the scheme will not become musicians, but will train for other jobs in the pop industry, such becoming a

recording engineer. Musicians themselves can take an "open learning" option that requires them only to

keep a diary noting rehearsals that have been held and demonstration tapes record-

This conjures up the vision of a budding Liam Gallagher sitting down quietly at the end of the day to complete his work diary: "Smashed up hotel room. punched bloke in front row." Surely rock stars in the future, just like Gallagher himself, will be fuelled by their own unquenchable self-belief rather than this kind of disciplined approach?

"A lot of great rock music does come from unconventional and anti-establishment feelings," Mr Saunders con-cedes. "But people have already got to be disciplined enough to sit down with an employment adviser and persuade him that they've been looking for work if they want to claim unemployment benefit

"What we've done is take the lying out of the process. Musicians won't have to lie that they have been out looking for work when what they've really been doing is being a

Once musicians have completed the open learning segment of the scheme, they can move on to playing live and hustling for a record deal. This entitles them to a training allowance, equivalent to their normal JSA plus an extra £15.38 a week. Mr Saunders hopes the scheme will be up and running by September.

any credits they had instead At Midland Bank, Andrew Barnett says: "It's a difficult case, because its at the riskier end of the spectrum. What happens would very much depend on the people involved and what, if any, money they were likely to be putting into it themselves. But I'm sure it is something one of our managers on the ground would be prepared to

John, 68, feels fine. But what if...

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John, 68, is a retired company director. He is a bachelor who enjoys a comfortable retirement from his pension income of about £50,000 a year. He has substantial other savings, which are invested for growth. He is in excellent

health, but is concerned should he fall ill and need long-term care. An estimated two in five people in retirement will need some form of care. John had read about the costs of care in a nursing home and wondered how it would affect him. Surveys indicate that

the average cost of nursing home accommodation is £17,800 a year, but this hides much local variation. Our firm, in the Colchester area of Essex, surveyed local nursing care homes last year and found an average cost of about £20,800 a year.

It was decided that John was in a fortunate position in that should he require care, he could comfortably afford the costs from his pension income without resorting to his savings. Because of his financial resources, both in terms of income and savings, he would not qualify for local authority assistance. John explained that

should he require some form of care, he would wish to remain in his own home as long as possible. not an eventuality that

We had established that financing the cost of care was not an issue, but who would organise it? This is most people plan for. Consequently, when it occurs, most people are illprepared and don't know where to get help. For

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many, this burden falls to their children. As John does not have children, or close family, it was an issue that concerned him.

To solve this problem we implemented a longterm care insurance policy, on a minimum cover basis. with PPP Lifetime Care, a leading provider of longterm care plans. Its premier level of cover was chosen. This starts to provide funds towards the cost of care should John either fail two "activities of daily living", or suffer mental impairment. This cover could be funded either by a regular premium or by a one-off lump sum. John chose the lump

"Activities of daily living" (ADLs) form the basis of an objective means of measuring frailty. These tests usually include mobility, washing, dressing, feeding, toileting and continence. The level of cover provided by John's plan is a partial long-term care benefit of £200 a month payable on the failure of two ADLs, and full benefit of £400 a

sum option, costing £4.620.

three ADLs. In John's case, the financial benefits provided by this arrangement are of secondary importance to the Care Support Service that is integral to the cover. The benefits provided through this service

month on the failure of

are essentially threefold. First, John now has immediate telephone access to specially trained staff who can provide information and advice on care-related issues. This service is available 24 hours a day.

Second, if John's health should deteriorate to a point where he qualifies for benefit, he will be assigned a "personal care counsellor" to create a package of care which suits his individual needs. The counsellor will visit John's home and spend as much time as it takes to understand his particular wishes and concerns. This will enable the counsellor to devise and implement a package of care services that meet his requirements. The care can be brought to John, to enable him to live in his home for as long as is practical. For example, if John's condition requires physiotherapy, the counsellor will organise a qualified therapist to visit him.

Should John require specialist equipment to help him to live in his own home more easily, the counsellor will source and organise that. In short, practical help and support.

Finally, the support service will review the care continuously to ensure that it remains appropriate and of high

quality. As a result of this action John can get on with enjoying his busy and active retirement. He has the reassurance that if future care is required, it

James Bruce is a senior financial planner at Corporate and Personal Planning, fee-charging independent financial advisers in Colchester, Essex (01206 853888).

will be organised for him.

Paul Slade We are not used to thinking of rock and pop bands as small businesses but, as the new scheme acknowledges that is just what they are.

Like any such business, a fledgling band must establish a customer base advertise its wares, and keep the money coming in.

But its line of work makes

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WILL BANKS LEND TO BUDDING ROCK STARS?

it all but impossible to produce the formal business plans other documents banks will demand with any loan

application. We put forward the case of a small band which has built up a loyal local following and now needs to borrow a few thousand pounds to record,

press and package their own CD for sale at future concerts. How would the high street banks react to their request for a small business

NatWest says: "We would view the band as a small business, just as we would the corner shop. The things we would look at are their experience to date, what sort of income they'd been getting and whether they had any collateral."

Rather than offering the band a business loan NatWest might encourage the members to take a personal loan or borrow on

Not all advice is good advice

They may be 'best buys' to some independent advisers, but they could be a bad deal for you. By James Moore

dependent financial advice? With the creation in 1986 of the Savings and Investments Board, now the Financial Services Authority, financial advisers were forced to tie to one company or choose to become independent, recommending products to their clients from the whole market. But consumer groups and MPs are growing concerned about just how independent some ad-

Bradford & Bingley Building Society is the biggest high-street organisation in the field, with around 400 independent financial advisers (IFAs). But the "best buy" lists which the society's advisers use to select products for their clients have been criticised for being too restrictive, specifying a limited number of providers for each product area. In the case of personal pensions, just six are listed.

Its IFAs' choices could be said to be limited further by so-called "preferred" or "lead" providers - an even more restricted number of companies or products which advisers are meant to use. Leaked B&B documents containing instructions to its IFAs state: "The recommendation of lead products is mandatory except where they do not meet the suitability criteria. Preferred products should also be recommended when they meet suitability criteria but this is not mandatory. "However, if an adviser does not recommend a preferred product for any reason other than suitability, then the reasons for the choice must be fully documented." One of these "preferred" or "lead" products is the society's own Premier Choice PEP

Bradford & Bingley's chief executive, Christopher Rodrigues. recently sparked controversy by calling for advisers to be able to enter into a "multi-tied" arrangement where they would have links with just four or five providers - for some lowcost standardised products, such as the Government's new Individual Savings Accounts (ISAs) and stakeholder pensions.

A spokesman for the society says this is Mr Rodrigues' own opinion. "Whether his personal views reach says.

ow independent is inter," he adds.

The Consumers' Association is concerned about the use of panels and has tried to conduct research, but with little success.

Its senior money researcher, Philip Telford, questions the society's policy and the use of panels in general. "We have found it pretty impossible to get hold of these lists. If I was going to see an independent financial adviser I would expect them to look across the whole market. "I am very concerned. The number of products they are recommending seems restrictive. You would seem to be steered towards a small group of lead or preferred products rather than having one recommended to suit your circumstances at any particular time."

Bradford & Bingley's spokesman says: "All our panels are independently drawn up by independent actuaries. They fairly reflect the best available providers and products at any one time. They are constantly reviewed and updated."

Ken Raynor, the society's investment market manager, is responsible for its PEP and unit trust panels. The B&B PEP works by outsourcing to a third-party fund manager. Mr Raynor says: "We have a lead or preferred provider on the PEP panel, which is currently the B&B PEP which is invested in the Schroder Enterprise Fund. We re-look at this every six months. You could say we are focusing on one product but in reality it doesn't work that simply."

He adds that if a client already has a large holding in this fund the adviser will recommend another PEP. They have a choice of 42 funds.

But even other independent instance, in the scandal over financial advisers are wary of this approach. For example, DBS, the pensions. On the other hand, good largest network of IFAs, has a much wider unit trust panel, featuring more than 200 funds.

Andrew Bedford, sales and marketing director at the Financial Options network of 250 advisers, says his company does not like panels. "We don't use [them] because of their restrictive nature. So many people's circumstances are so vastly different that a good panel would be so large it would be unworkable,' he



Some advisers must toe the company line, others can recommend any product. A third group must use a 'best buy' list drawn up by their bosses Tom Pilston

HOW TO FIND A GOOD ADVISER

Dunbar. Pros: Thorough knowledge of their company's products. NATIONAL FIRMS: Cons: Pressure to meet sales targets can lead to improper advice. Appalling record in By law, they can be either tied, pension mis-selling, variable in clearing it up. Can only advise on

> TIED AGENTS: Contractually tied to one company but not directly linked. Can range from building societies to one-man bands.

one company's products.

Pros and cons: Similar to those for company representatives.

Large companies, often employing hundreds of IFAs. Examples: Hogg Robinson, Bradford & Bingley.

Pros: Their IFAs have the resources to research products thoroughly. Buying power can get clients discounts.

Cons: Operate off "best buy" lists, which can be restrictive. Buying power can simply mean higher

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IFA NETWORKS: Companies providing back-office support, research, and training to IFA firms. Examples: DBS, Countrywide, Financial Options, M&E Network.

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Cons: Poor pension mis-selling record, very poor clear-up record. Often use "best buy" lists, but

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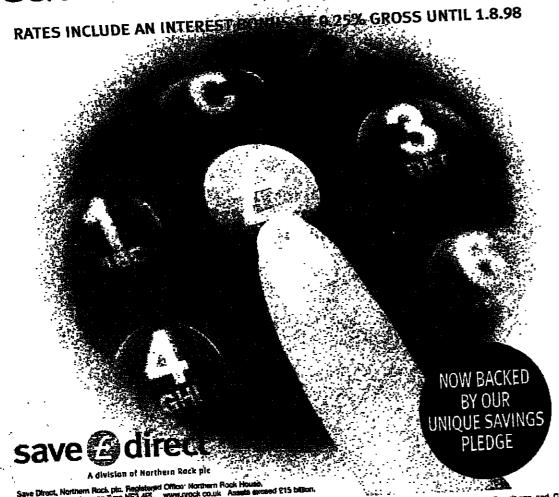
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r investment is only here are thousands of financial products on the market and choosing which one to buy can be confusing. Some people close their eyes and pick one at random, but researching your options is im-

Failing to shop around can cost you dear. When taking out a mortgage people do tend to compare deals offered by different institutions, but many take the first investment, life insurance or pension they come across, according to research by the Consumers' Association (CA).

Mick McAteer, senior researcher at the CA, says: "Most people don't shop around because they consider financial services companies to be necessary evils – they think they'll get just as bad a deal some-

where else." But in research conducted last year, the CA compared two sets of customers. The first simply bought financial services from High Street providers without comparing, while the second shopped

around. The study found that, in most cases, a family buying a basket of products such as a mortgage, Tessa, personal pension and life assurance would have been £5,000 better off after five years if they had shopped around for better deals.

Research is particularly importantwhen buyinglife assurance. You can easily end up tying yourself in for 25 years, with heavy penalties if you withdraw early.

The difference between a good value product and a poor value one can be huge, especially with a long-term investment. For instance, the charges levied by personal pension plan providers vary so much that if you choose an expensive one, you could end up with 20 per cent less money in retirement. Where do you start? Spe-



The correct adviser is vital to steer you to the correct decision in the pensions market Peter MacDiarmid decision in the pensions market

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The best way to find a reputable adviser is by recommendation from a friend. If that isn't an option for you, the

nancial adviser (IFA) is a good

idea if you have an important in-

phone services listed below will help you track one down. The best advice is given by financial advisers who work on a fee basis rather than taking commission out of the product they sell you, according to CA research. But many people balk at the idea of paying fees

taken out of the product they buy seems less painful. When buying through an IFA who takes commission. don't be afraid to negotiate, says Janice Thomson. She says: "If it's a product that is not all that complicated, ask whether there is any room for

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Gossip is fun, and does have its uses. But newcomers to the office should be careful whose company they keep. By Katie Hilpern

Careless talk can cost jobs

HOW TO PREVENT GOSSIP

RUINING YOUR CAREER

You want to discover the truth about something that

You want to spread around information without

■ You know for sure that no one is going to suffer

■ It might unfairly damage someone's reputation.

Indulge in office gossip only when:

making a formal announcement.

Never indulge in office gossip when:

brightening up an otherwise dull day.

■ You're not sure who's who in the office.

■ You know you are doing it just as a way of

and you barely know the post-boy and you barely know the post-boy that everyone is unaccustomed to everyone else. Then, as time goes on, a wacky idea. Instead, you can gossip focuses only on specific isjuicy piece of gossip starts tongues wagging and, within minutes, the darkest secrets of the entire office

appear to have been revealed to you. Julie, it seems, is a real back-stabber, Tim is absurdly high-minded: the unassuming looking chap in the corner whose name has escaped you is rumoured to have a dreadful temper; and so on.

But as you make a mental note of every colleague's personality type, that you are also indiscreet about the you should consider how you yourself are being sized up. Since you are a fresh recruit, this is important. After all, you don't want to appear to be a killioy. Indeed, if you keep too quiet and stony-faced, you may even be suspected to be a snitch. But, at the same time, you ought to be in circulating ideas indirectly. If you aware that being seen to indulge in gossip so early in your career has its

Your superiors may think you're easily led and your colleagues may frown on you for not sticking to the principle that applies to companies and families alike: fully fledged members can run them down, but woe betide anyone else who does so.

So, how do you strike a balance? According to Judi James - who trains new recruits in the working environment - this is no trivial matter, and it is of particular importance to employees fresh out of education.

"Graduates (or school-leavers) who are new to office life tend to feel as though they are starting at a new school, because that's what they're used to. In a new school, a great deal of immediate hearsay and slander goes a long way in resolving the fact

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it all gets forgotten.

"But, in an office, the chances are that everyone already knows each other, and if you walk in and back the wrong horse it can be extremely detrimental to your career and working relationships."

Furthermore, claims Angela Baron, policy adviser for the Institute for Personnel and Development, being indiscreet about colleagues will imply to a manager company.

"Any good company should not even have a grapevine," she asserts. But Cary Cooper, professor of occupational psychology at University of Manchester Institute of Technology, disagrees. Gossip can be useful are new to a company, you may be be kept secret."

affects you directly.

unduly as a result.

spread it about as a rumour to get some initial feedback."

In addition, he says, it's a good you may find out through gossiping with others that you are not the only victim. Then you can do something

Stefan Stern, of the Industrial Society - which will soon be publishing a book on office dilemmas - believes have had suffered misfortune. "If, whether it is the truth or not." say, your partner dies, it is doubtful nouncement about it. But by telling the right people, you know you won't

"The same can apply if you've made a mistake at work that can't unrealistic," claims Cooper. "All gos-

sues? When it comes to innovative ideas and any negative personal experiences you may have had, the anway of comparing notes: "If your swer would seem to be Yes. Even boss is coming on to you in his office, rumours about potential disasters should be considered grist for the rumour mill, claims Cooper. "You may hear that the company is downsizing, and that there are going to be redundancies.

"Gossip like this can spread fast and force bosses into a situation that hearsay can be effective if you where they have to let you know

But what about that oldest form that you'll want to make an an- of gossip: back-stabbing? Can office workers - especially new recruits hope to avoid dishing the dirt on their colleagues?

"That may be the ideal, but it is sip should be accepted as part and parcel of human nature in any environment. My advice is obvious when it comes to slander, try not to get involved, but accept that it goes on."

This is the area where graduates are most likely to come unstuck, warns James.

"You can find yourself part of slanderous gossip just by listening in. Even if you don't contribute anything to the conversation, the fact that you are looking like a dog staring at a biscuit, or laughing like a clown, means you're already involved.

"The best thing is to acquire the type of smile that most managers have perfected - very subtle, while at the same time nodding down at your chest. That way, you can be diplomatic, yet hear everything. After all, there's no doubt that knowl-



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New research says that workplace intimidation doesn't just upset the staff - it cuts the boss's profits as well. By Roger Trapp

Keeping the work bully at bay

TEN YEARS after the problem first came to public attention, everybody is familiar with the way that bullies can ruin workplaces with their behaviour. When people talk about bullying they are usually referring to obviously intimidating acts, such as shouting, threats and physical abuse. But recent research from the United States suggests that much lesser acts can have a significant damaging effect.

None of the incidents at the core of the study carried out by researchers at the University of North Carolina's business school involved physical aggression or violence. Indeed, many were relatively mild and might even have been taken as ambiguous. They included accusations about lack of knowledge, undermining credibility in front of others and sending demeaning notes. Yet they often had a serious

people who had been the subject of incivility at work, 53 per cent lost their commitment to their organwork time worrying about the inci- isations had declined. dent or future dealings, 46 per cent contemplated changing jobs to avoid a tually doing so), 37 per cent believed that their commitment to the organisation declined, 28 per cent lost work time avoiding the instigator, 22 per cent reduced their effort at work and 10 per cent decreased the amount of time they spent at work.

But there were potential "spillover" effects beyond these. Nearly everyone who had been a target of this sort of behaviour described their experiences to others. Most talked with peers at work or family members, half spoke to workplace superiors and friends outside work and about a fifth described what had occurred to subordinates.

Moreover, only a quarter of tar-gets were satisfied with the way the organisation handled things. Con-



sequently, more than a third said that

According to Christine Pearson, management professor at the the instigator (with 12 per cent ac- Kenan-Flagler business school, who presented the findings to a recent operate from positions of power,

gathering of business executives, the potential costs of rude, disrespectful encounters deserve attention from management. Leaders need to be aware that this sort of behaviour occurs, and that instigators may

and with cunning. Prof Pearson thought it was particularly significant that this was not an issue confined to women; targets were divided

While some organisations might characterise those who complained

of such actions as "thin-skinned" individuals, unsuited to the cut and thrust of the modern workplace, Prof Pearson believes that others will be prompted to introduce codes of conduct. Pointing out that the researchers had not found that the in-

cidents had occurred against particularly turbulent backgrounds that might increase stress among instigators of incivility, Prof Pearson said that the general changes in corporate life could be a factor in the high number of incidents. "There's

no question that the individual impact of stress in general is perceived as being higher than before. This whole idea of 'mean and lean' has turned inward," she said, adding that the more co-operative environments of the past had been replaced by more competitive atmospheres.

The researchers recommend five key responses to such behaviour. Employers need to: Clarify expectations regarding interpersonal dealings and establish

explicit codes of conduct. Watch closely for patterns of be-

 Document deviant incidents and take account of inappropriate behaviour in evaluations.

■Deny instigators further influence over people. Mandate (rather than recom-

mend) counselling, if it is deemed More generally, employers are

urged to take steps in the "employ-ment life circle" to help minimise such episodes. These include:

When recruiting and selecting people, checking their references carefully, assuring the fit of individ-uals with organisational and workplace cultures and considering the people skills that might be required of applicants.

■When inducting or training people, establishing expectations about behaviour, providing training for dealing with such issues as harassment as well as in stress management and conflict resolution.

■ At evaluation time, documenting behaviour that does not meet expectations, providing corrective feedback to instigators regardless of their seniority or clout and providing opportunities for input by subordinates or peers.

Finally, ensuring that a third party is present if an instigator is being fired, and not merely transferring people who should be fired.

HOW TO HAVE A HAPPY, AND PROFITABLE, OFFICE

IT IS 10 years since freelance journalist and broadcaster Andrea Adams (pictured right) undertook the first research into workplace

Three years of work on the subject produced two BBC Radio 4 documentaries, a series of groundbreaking articles in The Independent in 1991 and, following tremendous public response, a book on the phenomenon written with Neil Crawford: Bullying at

Work: How to Confront and Overcome It (Virago, £8.99).
Adams died in 1995, but the An-

drea Adams Trust has since been established as the UK's first and only workplace bullying charity. The trust has just launched a consultancy to advise companies on creating a healthy and profitable working environment.

It has also issued a list of key points of advice for people who are being bullied at work:

■ Keep a factual log of all incidents. ■ Get witnesses to bullying

■ Avoid being alone with a bully. Find out if others are being bullied/will support you. ■ Does your job description match

your responsibilities? ■ Inform your manager, union representative or personnel officer ■ Seek advice of representative.

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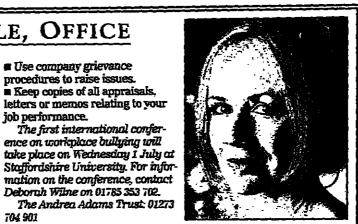
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Use company grievance

procedures to raise issues.

■ Keep copies of all appraisals.



Minding the man who minds the minders



Karen and Ken at Capitol Group

talked into going to the interview. diately with Ken and

rector of the company. Although the work sounded dynamic and involved, what really appealed to me was the idea of working for Ken himself - the fact that the industry is exciting is simply a bonus. Ken is very charismatic and energetic - he worked first as a policeman and then as a private inrestigator, but by the time I joined the company 19 months ago he had over 2,000 employees.

Ken is a hands-on executive. He era, but couldn't find it because it was

BEFORE I came to work for Ken, I likes to keep in close contact with our thought that I had moved out of sec- clients and wants me to get to know retarial work for good. But when my them so that they will take me into agency rang to tell me they had a job their confidence when he isn't there. for a leading security company, I got Because the business is of such a sensitive nature, the clients need to know that they can pick up a phone his wife Jeannette, who is also a di- for back-up support at any time of the day or night, and I am often the first

> point of contact We are there to take the worry away and have guards on hand to deal with anything from a bomb threat to a threat of physical violence.

One of my first encounters with the undercover side of the business was when I walked into a meeting and saw myself on a television set placed on the table. I looked around for the cam-

I WORK

KAREN DRAKE IS PA TO KEN DULIEU. CHAIRMAN OF THE SECURITY FIRM CAPITOL GROUP

hidden in a tie pin. There have been other entertaining moments, such as the time I got a phone call from the police asking me to identify two of our agents. They had been following a target on surveillance and had traced him to the edge of a military base which, being an IRA target, was under police surveillance itself - the agents were arrested under suspicion

But the most absurd case of all was when an agent's cover was blown by the very man who employed him to work under cover within a casino as part of a fraud investigation, The client saw our agent working in the casino, recognised him, but forgot who it like to have Karen as your boss?" he was and asked him what he was doing there!

I'm not an office-based PA - one moment I may be working on location for a highly confidential job and the next I will be putting oil into Ken's motorbike engine. We work a lot in his car and the pace is so frantic that sometimes both our mobiles and the car phone are ringing simultaneously. I have even been known to walk up and down the poolside taking down dictation whilst Ken does his lengths.

We are both a bit psychic. I am forever finishing Ken's sentences or answering his questions before he asks them. I think I have to be a bit of a Rottweiler to do this job. When an old boss of mine met Ken he asked, "So what's But Ken's family have adopted me and Ken often refers to me as his daughter, which can confuse the clients.

People are always fascinated by my job and usually connect it with the spy business or MI5. But when questioned I always remain vague about the covert side because, of course, working for Britain's most secretive company means most of your job has to remain top secret.

INTERVIEWBY KATTE SAMPSON

'Allo darlin', let me tell you a love story...

THIS IS a horrible office full of stuck-up snotbags with a grossly inflated opinion of their own importance in the world. And, though this description effectively applies to 90 per cent of the offices I've had the misfortune to work in, it's doubly applicable here.

After three-and-a-half weeks, nobody has bothered to give me the time of day, say good morning, say goodnight, or offer me a cup of coffee when they go to the machine for each other. I was beginning to wonder if I existed at all, or if I'd turned into some ghost-like extension of my computer, when finally someone spoke to me.

Jeff, the managing director: in an earlier generation he would have been a barrow boy, and been slapped in irons if his entrepreneurial spirit had led him to try for anything more. Blue shirt, with a thin white stripe and white collars and cuffs. An accent that could have earned

him a fortune going "Leave id ahhhht" behind the bar at the Queen Vic. Pinky ring the size of a knuckle-duster with a cockerel rampant on a bed of nails. Those trousers whose pocket-tops bulge out to the sides as though the contents below the zip are more than the cut can handle.

"Allo, darlin'," said Jeff. "How are they treating you around here? All

tell, to be honest, as none of them has spoken to me." Jeff sucked air in through his front teeth as though preparing to groom a

"Hello," I said. "Well, I can't really

"Don't surprise me," he said. "Tell you what," he leant down, gave me a cheeky-chappie grin, "let's you and me go out to lunch tomorrow. Give 'em something to talk about."



THE TEMP

An hour later, it was all round the office. The three other PAs were giving me the evil eye. Bradley, one of my boss's team, came over with some figures. "See you're making friends, then," he said. I don't think he meant it

Lunch: sausages and mash in a pub with pictures of cricketers on the walls. Jeff has exchanged the shirt for one with a faint pattern of maple leaves in the weave. Hangs his jacket over the back of the chair. Turns out he's picked up on the fact that I write, and wants to do a co-operative effort.

"A novel," he says, "Maybe a screenplay. Set in the language schools around Brighton during the Gulf war. Young bloke, East End boy looking for something more, working down there, meets Iraqi girl. Fall in love, eat candy floss, stay out all night. But her family don't approve of him and his family don't approve of her. War and that."

"So what happens in the end?" I ask, having sussed that this is in some way autobiographical, "War ends, she goes to America. They never see each

other again. I think she married a doctor in California."

I try to let him down gently. "Look, it sounds like an excellent story, but I think to be honest it's not my bag. I'm trying to work on stuff of my own at the moment."

Jeff gets sulky. "Well, excuse me. Just thought I could help you out of a hole. Turn round a nice little profit for both of us. Thought I was doing you a favour. Still, if you feel like that ... We drain our half-pints of bitter,

walk back to the office in silence. But he walks me back to my desk, says goodbye nicely. You can cut the atmosphere with a knife.

Andrea and Mandy walk past my desk talking in loud voices about people getting above their stations. Bradley comes back, waggles an eyebrow. "Nice lunch?" he asks, as though we've been locked in a hotel

room somewhere "Yes, thanks," I say. "You're certainly a fast worker" "What?"

"Mates with management? After a job, or something else?' I lose my lid. "Tell me," I say,

"What's my name?" "What?" "What's my name?"

He looks lost, then shrugs, "Dunno." 'No, you don't, do you? None of you do. You've not made the first effort to give me the time of day since I got here, but the minute someone does, you're all over me like a swarm of wasps. Well, forget it. I don't give a damn what you think. Why should I? It's not like you've got any manners." Bradley starts back. "Blimey," he says. "I was only having a joke, love."

No doubt about it. I need a holiday.

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NEW FILMS

CITY OF ANGELS (12) Director: Brad Silberling

Starring: Nicolas Cage, Meg Ryan, Dennis Franz Now that plans for Tim Burton's stab at a Superman film have been indefinitely postponed, it looks like Nicolas Cage will be denied the chance to wear his underpants outside his trouser For the time being, his role in City of Angels will provide some consolation.

Although the picture claims Wim Wenders' Wings of Desire as its progenitor, the real inspiration for the film's pivotal dramatic dilemma lies in a far less prestigious source. When Seth the angel played by Cage, puzzles over whether or not to exchange his divinity for domestic bliss with a mortal woman (Meg Ryan), he's following SAVIOR (18) in the footsteps of the Man of Steel, who turned in all that saving the world poppycock for Lois Lane in Supermon II. It always struck me that Wings of Desire would have been much more tolerable as a Hollywood tearjerker than a sombre European art movie. Accordingly, City of Angels is silly in the way that only serious-minded movies can be. The romance between Cage Ryan is startlingly limp, and it's left to the director, Brad Silberling, to conjure some magic from the chaos of Los Angeles

DREAM WITH THE FISHES (18)

Director: Finn Taylor Starring: David Arquette

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Here's a recipe for disaster. Take an uptight suicidal loser preparing to throw himself off a bridge. Add a junkie with a month to live and a headful of hedonistic fantasies that he's determined to realise on his way to the grave. Give POINT BLANK (15) them a few weeks on the road together, stir in a sprinkling of zany supporting characters and leave to simmer until the inevitable tearful farewell. Serve with sick-bag at the ready. Perhaps at's the realisation that Dream with the Fishes could so easily have been a nightmare that makes its success seem refreshing and deserved. A movie about two young men learning to live in the shadow of death has no right being witty,

effervescent and adventurous, but Dream with the Fishes is all of these things.

THE LAST TIME ! COMMITTED SUICIDE (15) Director: Stephen Kay

Starring: Thomas Jane, Keanu Reeves A mannered and vacuous dip into the life of the Beat poet Neal Cassady, played by Thomas Jane, who believes that Cassady was a charmer,

but portrays him as an egotistical sixth-former. There's lots of fast cutting and theatrical lighting, but the film just amounts to the same old Beat Generation clichés: blue smoke, white vests and black coffee, masen.

Director: Peter Antonijevic

Starring: Dennis Quaid, Nastassja Kinski

There are also plenty of unexpected giggles in Savior, though given that the film is set in war-torn Bosnia, we should assume that they are mostly unintentional. In a bizarre pre-credits sequence, Dennis Quaid loses his wife (Nastassja Kinski) and son in a Paris bomb blast, then avenges their death by strolling into a mosque and gunning down a row of Muslims at prayer, I suspect that the editor dozed off at his Steinbeck, because the next thing you know, Quaid is a hired gun for the Serbs, shaking his head at various atrocities and taking a woman and her newborn daughter under his wing. When he sighs "This war sucks, man," you'd better cherish the line - it's the film's only shot at characterisation or political commentary.

Director: John Boorman Starring: Lee Marvin, Angie Dickinson, Keenan

Wynn, James B Sikking Re-release of John Boorman's finest film, a chilly and chilling existential thriller with Lee Marvin as the gangster Walker, his soul emptied but his mind full of revenge.

Ryan Gilbey

GENERAL RELEASE

AFTERGLOW (15)

Two couples - fiftysomethings Nick Nolle and Julie Christie, and twentysomethings Lara Flynn Boyle and Jonny Lee Miller - swap partners and wry aphorisms in the latest urbane romantic comedy from writer-director Alan Rudolph.

THE APOSTLE (12)

Director Robert Duvali plunges into the role of a paracher obsessed with God in a manner that is is both terrifying and entrancing.

THE BIG SWAP (18) Drab, unconvincing and preachy drama played out

against Sunday supplement locations THE BUTCHER BOY(15)

Neil Jordan's film of Patrick McCabe's blackly comic novel about a precocious 12-year-old in 1960s Ireland has a macabre thrill that is seductive. Jordan's depiction of the world, seen through the eyes of Francie (Eamonn Owens), is so rich and unsparing that it pulls you in in the manner of a Grimm fairytale.

DAD SAVAGE (18) Patrick Stewart sheds his Stor Trek image to play a tulip-growing, Country & Western-obsessed East Anglian crime boss in this stab at re-inventing the British thriller.

DARK CITY (15)

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erns with with another overthe top urban nightmare. Amnesiac suspected serial-killer Rufus Sewell is pursued by dour inspector William Hurt, syringe-wielding psychiatrist Kiefer Sutherland and Richard O'Brien as one of a sinister breed of aliens known

DECONSTRUCTING HARRY (18) Woody Allen's most honest and intelligent film in more than a decade.

FISTS IN THE POCKET (NC)

A new print of Marco Bellochio's 1965 classic.

John Boorman's best film in two decades charts the career of Dublin gangster Martin Cahill, who ran rings round the Gardai with a series of heists before the IRA put him out of business in 1994.

THE GIRL WITH BRAINS IN HER FEET (15) A jaunty if unoriginal take on the rites-of-passage genre, set in Leicester at the start of the 1970s. The lively script is complimented by the performance of young actress Joanna Ward who sparkles as the film's heroine.

THE GRASS HARP (PG) An adaptation of Capote's novel about lives and loves in a southern American town in the 1940s. A fine cast has been assembled to little effect. Starring Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau, Sissy

Spacek, Piper Laurie and Edward Furlong. THE HANGING GARDEN (15) Gay hero, Sweet William, returns home for the wedding of his sister (Kerry Fox), who is marrying the boy that William once had a crush

on, in this disarming drama.

A novel by Ruth Rendell is the unlikely origin of Pedro Almodovar's most accomplished film to date, though the action has been shifted to Madrid and crammed with sexual symbolism so potent it leaves you reeling.

Adrian Lyne's remake of Kubrick's stylish Nabokov adaptation lacks spirit and adventure, starring Jeremy irons and Diminique Swain.

This meandering French drama stars Charlotte finsbourg as a woman torn between her husband and his best friend.

THE MAGNIFICENT AMBERSONS (U) A welcome re-release for Orson Wells' 1942 nearmasterpiece about a wealthy family whose a waitress (Drew Barrymore), only to find that conflicting emotions tear them apart.

MARTHA - MEET FRANK, DANIEL & LAURENCE (15)

This intermittently engaging romantic comedy sees Martha, an American visiting London on a whim, going on separate dates with three men who turn out to be best friends.

MY SON THE FANATIC (15)

Hanif Kureishi establishes an opposition between an agreeable, progressive Pakistani taxi driver and his son, who has his sights set on becoming a fundamentalist Muslim.

NOWHERE (18) One-man film factory Gregg Araki returns to the nihilistic landscape of *The Doom Generation* with another hallucinatory journey through an LA underground inhabited by young ambisexual drifters, sado-masochists, druggies airheads - and, this time around, a few aliens for good measure.

THE REAL BLONDE (15)
Tom DiCillo's prickly satire on the fashion industry doesn't have enough original or incidental ideas to go around, but it is charmingly played by a game cast, and littered with surprises and fizzy one-liners.

RED CORNER (15) Richard Gere's very public pro-Tibet stance must have blinded him to the failings of this clunking piece of anti-Chinese propaganda.

THE REPLACEMENT KILLERS (18) Executive-produced by Hong Kong action director John Woo, this is an attempt to launch the American career of his favourite star, Chow Yun-Fat. Chow plays a hitman with a conscience who finds himself pursued by both the police and by the mob's "replacement killers".

THE SCARLET TUNIC (12) Worthy drama boasting a sparkling performance from Simon Callow.

SOUL FOOD (15) A black version of Parenthood, with all the attendant moralising, sentimentality and studied eccentricity which that implies.

Amiable children's adventure about a young boy

(Joseph Mazello from Jurussic Purk) who's called upon to save the universe. What it lacks in budget it makes up for in imagination.

STIFF UPPER LIPS (15) Spoof of the Merchant/Ivory movies from one of the talents responsible for Leon the Pig Former.

THE TASTE OF CHERRY (PG)

The winner of last year's Palme d'Or has taken a year to get a release over here, and it's not hard to see why. In precis—an Iranian man drives around the outskirts of Tehran looking for someone to help him commit suicide—but thanks to naturalistic performances, it's a hypnotic and moving experience. A THOUSAND ACRES (15)

Jessica Lange and Michelle Pleifler play sisters who rebel against their father (Jason Robards) in this Deep South melodrama based on King Lear. Unfortunately, their talents are largely was

TITANIC (12) Rose (Kate Winslet) is about to marry into obscene

wealth, but has deserted her fiance at the last minute for Jack (Leonardo DiCaprio), a ragamuffin from the wrong side of the tracks.

WASHINGTON SQUARE (PG) Bringing up the rear of the latest Henry James boom comes the story of the mousy New York heiress (Jennifer Jason Leigh) whose dour father (Albert Finney) forbids her marriage to a dashing but penniless suitor (Ben Chaplin).

THE WEDDING SINGER (12) A shamelessly dumb but very winning comedy about a romantic wedding singer (Saturday Night Live's Adam Sandler) who falls in love with

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THE INDEPENDENT RECOMMENDS



Film Ryan Gilbev THERE ISN'T enough space in this newspaper to list the reasons why Robert Altman's McCabe and Mrs Miller is a masterpiece. Warren Beatty gives his most poignant performance as an entrepreneurial frontiersman who teams up with the no-nonsense madam, Julie Christie. From the darkly wistful Leonard Cohen songs to the final snow-bound shoot-out, this is cinema as a

spiritual experience. Spiritual experience.

Monchester Cornerhouse (0161-200 1500), today & tomorrow, 2pm, 5.45pm

What do Mrs Brown and The Wings of the Dove (above) have in common? Quality. And two actresses (Judi Dench and Helena Bonham Carter) who came within sniffing distance of an Oscar this year. I hope this pairing prompts a revival of the old high-street double-bill, a package which used to be employed to extend the commercial life of a recent release or to smuggle out little gems which were considered unviable. Odeon Haymarket, London SW1 (0181-315 4212), 2pm, 7pm daily

Theatre Dominic Cavendish

IMPROBABLE have established themselves as one of the most innovative theatre companies around, and Lifegame is characteristically ambitious. The idea is to act out a different person's life story every night, the actors taking their cue from an on-stage interview with the guest. Tonight, Joanna Lumley (right) puts

her life on the line. Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, London W6 (0181-741 2311) 7.30pm Comic Potential, Alan Ayckhoum's 53rd play is set in a near future where programmed actoids hold the mirror up to nature in humourless performances which are almost as predictable as the plodding soaps they appear in. Janie Dee presses all the right buttons as the android heroine. Jacie Tripplethree. Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough

(01723 370540) 7.30pm

THE APOSTLE (12) Barbican Screen 8.40pm Phoenix Cinema 12.40pm, 6pm Empire Leicester Square 1.30pm Screen on the HIII 2.55pm, 5.40pm, 8.25pm Ritzy **Cinema** 3.30pm, 8.50pm

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AS GOOD AS IT GETS (15) ABC Panton Street 2pm, 5pm, 8pm

THE BIG LEBOWSKI (18) Odeon Camden Town 12.35pm 3.20pm, 6pm, 9.05pm Warner Village West End 1pm, 3.50pm, 6.35pm, 9.30pm UCI Whiteleys 7.05pm ABC Panton Street 1.15pm, 3.40pm, 6.05pm, 8.30pm Virgin Fulbam Road 1.30pm, 4.10pm, 7pm, 9.30pm

THE BIG SWAP (18) Plaza 12.35pm, 3.15pm, 5.55pm, 8.35pm

CITY OF ANGELS (12) Odeon Camden Town 12.50pm, 3.30pm, 6.10pm, 8.45pm Virgin 6.10pm, 8.45pm Virgin Haymarket 1.30pm, 5.30pm, 8.20pm Odeon Kensington, 7pm, 9.40pm Barbican Screen, 6.15pm, 8.05pm, 0deon Marble Arch 12.15pm, 8.05pm, 5.55pm, 8.45pm, 8.05 pm, 5.55pm, 8.45pm, 8.45 5.55pm, 8.45pm ABC Tottenham Court Road 1.15pm, 3.55pm, 6.35pm, 9.20pm Notting Hall Coronet 3pm, 6pm, 8.40pm Rizy Cinema 1.50pm, 4.15pm, 6.40pm, 9.10pm Clapham Picture House 2pm, 4.30pm, 7pm, 9.30pm Warner Village West End 12.40pm, 1.40pm, 3.15pm, 4.10pm, 5.50pm, 6.40pm, 8.30pm, 9.20pm Virgin Fulham Road 1.30pm, 5.30pm, 8.20pm ABC Baker Street

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DARK CITY (15) Virgin Trocadero 12.20pm, 2.30pm, 4.45pm, 7pm, 9.20pm Warner Village West End 3.55pm, 6.30pm, 8.55pm DAYS OF BEING WILD (15)

(subtitles) tCA Cinema Mon 5pm, 7pm, 9pm DECONSTRUCTING

HARRY (18) ABC Swiss Centre 1.10pm, 3.20pm. 6.10pm, 8.40pm

DEEP IMPACT (12) Odeon Marble Arch 12.10pm, 3.15pm, 6.05pm, 8.55pm Empire Leicester Square 12.30, 3.10pm, 5.50pm, 8.30pm Virgin Folkam Road 12.30pm, 3.25pm, 6.10pm, 8.55pm UCI Whiteleys 3.35pm, 6.35pm, 9.20pm Virgin Trocadero 12noon, 2.50pm, 5.40pm, 8.40pm

DREAM WITH THE FISHES

Metro 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm THE FULL MONTY (15) ABC Shaftesbury Avenue 1.10pm,

3.40pm, 6pm, 8.30pm THE GENERAL (15) Odeon Camdon Town 12.05pm, 2.55pm, 5.50pm, 8.50pm Virgin Trocadero 2pm, 5.45pm, 8.45pm Warner Village West End 12.30pm, 6pm Claphara Picture House 3pm,

6.30pm, 9.15pm **GOOD WILL HUNTING (15)** ABC Panton St 2.10pm, 5.15pm, 8.10pm THE GRASS HARP (PG)

ABC Piccadilly 1.20pm, 3.40pm, 6pm, HAPPY TOGETHER (15) ARC Swiss Centre 6.20om

JACKIE BROWN (15) Plaza 12.50pm, 4.15pm, 7.40pm KUNDUN (12)

ABC Swiss Centre 1,10pm, 3.45pm, THE LAST TIME I

COMMITTED SUICIDE (15) ABC Piccadilly 1.35pm, 3.50pm, 6.10pm, 8.45pm LIVE FLESH (18)

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ABC Swiss Centre 3.55pm, 8.40pm **POINT BLANK (18)** Hitzy Cisema 2.30pm, 4.45pm, 7.05pm, 9.20pm Gate Notting Hill 1.55pm, 4.15pm, 6.35pm, 8.55pm Screen on the Green 3.50pm, 6.50pm, 9pm

RED CORNER (15) Odeon Marble Arch 12.20pm, 3.10pm. 5.20pm, 8.30pm Virgin Folkam Road 2.10pm, 5.20pm, 8.30pm UCI Whiteleys 4.10pm, 7pm, 9.25pm, Plaza 12.30pm, 3.10pm, 5.50pm,

THE REPLACEMENT **KILLERS** (18) **Virgin Trocadero** 12noon, 2.10pm, 4.20pm, 6.30pm, 9pm UCI Whiteleys

4.30pm, 9.45pm

Virgin Haymarket 2pm, 4.15pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm Virgin Fulham Road 2pm, 4.30pm, 7.10pm, 9.15pm THE SCARLET TUNIC (12) ABC Shaftesbury Avenue 1.35pm,

4.05pm, 6.25pm, 8.50pm **SCREAM 2** (18) Warner Village West End 3.20pm,

SHALL WE DANCE? (PG) ABC Swiss Centre 1.10pm, 3.35pm, 6pm, 8.40pm

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SLIDING DOORS (15) UCI Whiteleys 3.45pm, 6.15pm, 8.45pm ABC Baker Street 1.20pm, 3.40pm, 8.40pm Virgin Fulham Road 2.30pm, 5.55pm, 8.40pm Virgin Trocadero 2.30pm, 5.55pm, 8.40pm Empire Leicester Square 1pm, 3,20pm, 5.40pm, 8pm ABC Tottenbara Court Road 1.25pm, 4.05pm, 6.40pm, 9.25pm Pinenix Cinema 3.40pm, 8.55om

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STIFF UPPER LIPS (15) UCI Whiteleys 4.45pm, 7.15pm, 9.35pm Virgin Chelsea 2pm, 5.45pm, 8.30pm Plaza: 1pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.10pm Warner Village West End 11.45am, 1.55pm, 4.10pm, 6.25pm

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TETANIC (12) Odeon Marble Arch 8pm Warner Village West End 12noon, 4pm, 8.30pm WASHINGTON SQUARE (PG) Screen on Baker Street 3.15pm, 6.20pm, 8.45pm Vegin Haymarket 12.45pm, 3.15pm, 5.45pm Chelsea

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WILD THINGS (18)
Odeon West End 1 20pm, 6 20pm Odeon Marble Arch 12.20pm, 3.10pm, 5.35pm

THE WINGS OF THE DOVE Odeon Haymarket 2pm, 7pm (+ Mrs

> CINEMA LONDON LOCALS

PARK ROYAL WARNER VILLAGE (0181-896 0066) → Park VILLAGE: (0781-399 0005) & Park Royal City Of Angels 1.20pm, 4pm, 6.40pm, 9.20pm Deep Impact 1.10pm, 4.10pm, 6.50pm, 9.40pm Red Corner 1.40pm, 4.20pm, 7pm; The Replacement Killers 2.50pm, 7.30pm, 9.50pm Scream 2 9.30pm Siliding Deep 1.20cm 2.50cm, 6.10cm

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Junction City Of Angels 2.15pm. 5.45pm, 8.30pm The Full Monty 1.40pm, 4.10pm, 6.40pm, 9pm The Wedding Singer 1.35pm, 3.45pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm

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CATFORD ABC (0181-698 3306) BR. Catford. The Full Monty 1.50pm, 4.10pm, 6.30pm, 8.50pm The Wedding Singer 1.40pm, 4pm, 6.20pm, 8.45pm

CLOCKTOWER (0181-253 1030) BR: Croydon West/East The General 8.30pm Mrs Brown 3.45pm, 6pm

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WARNER VILLAGE (0181-680 WARREER VILLAGE (U181-88) 8090) BR East Croydon City Of Angels 8.20pm, 6.10pm, 9pm Deep Impact 3.40pm, 6.30pm, 9.20pm Red Corner 2pm, 4.35pm, 7.10pm Sersam 2 2.30pm, 9.50pm Siding Doors 1.50pm, 4.05pm, 6.20pm, 8.40pm Soul Food 2pm, 4.30pm, 7pm, 9.40pm Star Kid 5.10pm Still Upper Lips 7.20pm Titanic 3.50pm, 7.45pm Tite Wedding Singer 2.20pm, 4.40pm, 7pm, 9.30pm Wishmaster 10pm

Classical Duncan Hadfield

AMERICAN PIANIST Murray Perahia's visits to the land of his early triumph in the 1972 Leeds Piano Competition have been all too infrequent, so it's good to welcome him back with a major London recital. Perahia's customary immaculate balance, finesse and insight will be in evidence in two early Beethoven Sonatas Op10 No2 and the Moonlight - and Schubert's expansive C minor D958. Royal Festival Hall, London SE1 (0171-960 4242) 7.30pm

Keyboard mastery of a different kind at Manchester's Bridgewater Hall, and this time, the instrument is the spanking new organ there. The virtuoso playing it, the brilliant Wayne Marshall (above), has, in just a handful of years, seized the fusty image of organ playing by the throat. Tonight, he "pulls out all the stops", offering a barnstorming line-up of music by Widor, Vierne and Dupre.

Visual Arts Richard Ingleby

Bridgewater Hall, Manchester (0161-907 9000) 7.30pm

THE Timothy Taylor Gallery is the venue for a small but well-selected show of recent work by Sean Scully, one of the country's best abstract painters. As ever, his pictures are more commanding, more complex and more beautiful than one first expects - more about nuances of colour and

and squares, although, of course, stripes and squares is exactly what they are. Sean Scully, Timothy Taylor Gallery, 1 Bruton Place, London W1 (0171-409 3344) to 1 Aug In case there isn't enough football in your life, two enterprising art dealers have gathered more than 100 works of art on a footballing theme, called Muddled Oats (right). It sounds a nightmare, but the selection includes some fine works, including Paul Nash's brilliant 1930s poster, "Footballer's Prefer Shell". Muddied Oafs - An Exhibition of Football, Gallery 27, 27 Cork Street, London W1 (0171-624 0664) to 27 Jun

DAGENHAM

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4.45pm Stiff Upper Lips 3.10pm, 10pm

ELEPHANT & CASTLE

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Sliding Doors 3.45pm, 6pm, 8.35pm

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Jab Pyar Kissie Hota Hai 2.30pm,

9.30pm Mrs Brown 2.15pm, 6.45pm

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The Dove 12noon, 4.30pm, 9pm

WARNER VILLAGE (0181-446

9344) East Finchley/Finchley Central

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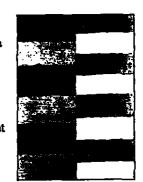
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BELLE-VUE (0181-381 2556) → Edgware The Wedding Slager 3pm, 6pm, 8.30pm

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7.15pm The Wedding Singer 3.40pm, 6.15pm, 8.45pm Wild Things 9.55pm Wishmaster 2.50pm, 5.20pm, 7.30pm, ABC OPTIONS (0870-9020409) BR: Kingston City Of Angels 2.10pm, 5.45pm, 8.20pm The Full Monty phant & Castle The Foll Monty 4pm. 5.15pm, 8.40pm Lolita 4pm, 8.10pm

MUSWELL HILL

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PURLEY ABC (0870-9020407) BR: Purley Tite The Wedding Singer 5.15pm, 8.15pm

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ABC (0870-9020413) ← Belsize Park SIDCUP Oi Angels 2.20pm, 5.20pm, 8.20pm The Wedding Singer 1.45pm, 4.05pm,

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City Of Angels 1.10pm, 3.35pm, 6.05pm, 8.30pm Vertigo Wed 12.50pm, CINEWORLD THE MOVIES (0181-867 0555) BR: Feltham Achanak 3.20pm, 5.50pm, 8.30pm The Weddi 11am, 6.40pm The Apostle 1pm, Singer 2.05pm, 4.25pm, 6.40pm, 9pm 3.40pm, 6.20pm **Blues Brothers 2000** 2000n, 2.30pm, 5pm City Of Augels PECKHAM 11.20am, 1.50pm, 4.20pm, 6.50pm, 9.30pm Deep Impact 11.30am, 2.10pm,

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Full Monty 5.30pm, 8.30pm The Replacement Killers 5.40pm, 8.40pm ent Killers 5.40pm, 8.40pm PUTNEY ABC (0870 9020401) ← Putney Bridge.

ODEON STUDIO (0181-315 4218) BR/→ Richmond City Of Angels 1.10pm, 3.50pm, 6.30pm, 9pm Stiding

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STREATHAM

ABC (0870-9020415) BR: Streatharn Hill The Full Monty 2.20pm, 4.20pm, 6.35pm, 8.45pm The Grass Harp 1.40pm, 6.20pm **Savior** 4pm, 8.40pm Station Doors 2.30pm, 5.35pm, 8.30pm

ODEON (0181-315 4219) BR: Streatham Hill/ Brixton/Clapham Common City Of Angels 1pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm Deep Impact 12.10pm, 3pm, 5.40pm, 8.20pm Soul Food 12.40pm, 3.20pm, 6pm, 8.40pm The Wedding Singer 1.10pm, 3.40pm, 6pm, 8.40pm

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6.15pm, 8.45pm WALTHAMSTOW ABC (0870-9020424) ← Walthamstow Central The Full Monty 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm The Replacement Killers 8.55pm Soul Food 2pm, 5.30pm The Wedding Singer 1.25pm, 3.40pm,

WALTON ON THAMES THE SCREEN AT WALTON (01932-252825) BR: Walton on Thames City Of Angels 3.20pm, 6pm, 8.25pm The Wedding Singer 3.50pm, 6.35pm,

8.50pm **WELL HALL** CORONET (0181-850 3351) BR. Eliham Soul Food 3.30pm, 5.55pm, 8.25pm The Wedding Singer 4pm. 6.30pm, 8.50pm

WILLESDEN BELLE-VUE (0181-830 0822) O Willesden Green Jackie Brown 3.30pm, 9.15pm

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Jayenge 8pm Duplicate 2pm WOODFORD

ABC (0181-989 3463) - South Woodford City Of Angels 2.40pm, 5.50pm, 8.20pm The Full Monty 1.40pm, 3.50pm, 6.10pm, 8.35pm **The Wedding Singer** 1.30pm, 3.50pm, 6.10pm, 8.30pm

WOOLWICH CORONET (0181-854 5043) BR: Woolwich Arsenal City Of Angels 3.30pm, 5.55pm, 8.30pm The Full Monty 4pm, 6.15pm, 8.40pm

CINEMA REPERTORY

LONDON CINE LUMIERE AT THE INSTI-TUT FRANCAIS Queensberry Place SW7 (0171-838 2144) Le Bossa:

British Premiere (NC) 7.30pm EVERYMAN Hollybush Vale NW3 (0171-435 1525) Stiff Upper Lips (15) 9pm Bad Boy Bubby (18) 1.15pm,

5.05pm + Gummo 3.20pm, 7.10pm ICA The Mall SW1 (0171-930 3647)

Spiritual Voices Part 2 (NC) 5.30pm, 8.30pm Chungking Express (12) 5pm, 7pm Fallen Angels (18) 9pm

THE LUX Hoxton Square N1 (0171-684 0201) WR - Mysteries Of The Organism (18) 6.30pm Themroc (18)

NFT South Bank SE1 (0171-633 0274) Point Blank (18) 2.30pm, 6.30pm King Of The Hill (12) 6.15pm Aviatio m Snecial Event (NC) 7,30pm | West Down (15) 8.30pm The Jackal (18) 8.40pm

PEPSI IMAX The Trocadero, Piccadilly Circus W1 (0171-494 4153) Everest (U) 11.15am, 1.20pm, 3.25pm, Sea Of Time - A New York Advent (3-D) (U) 12.15pm, 2.20pm, 4.25pm,

ODEON (01473-287717); Red Cor-6.30pm, 8.35pm, 10.40pm ner (15); The Wedding Singer (12); Sliding Doors (15); Anastasia (U); PHOENIX High Road N2 (0181-883) George Of The Jungle (U); Deep Impact (12); Spiceworld - The Mavie (PG); Flubber (U); City Of Angels (12); 2233) Afterglow (15) 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm Silding Doors (15) 3.40pm,

8.55pm The Apostle (12) 12.40pm, 6pm PRINCE CHARLES Leicester Place WC2 (0171-437 8181) **Ma Vie En Rose** (12) 1.30pm Last Tango In Paris (18) 3.30pm The Man In The Iron Mask (12)

6.20pm **The Rainmaker (15)** 8.55pm RIO Kingsland High Street EB (0171-254 6677) Soul Food (15) 3.45pm, 6.15pm,

RIVERSIDE STUDIOS Crisp Road W6 (0181-741 2255) **The American** Friend (15) 6.15pm + The End Of

WATERMANS ARTS CENTRE High Street, Brentford, Middx (0181-568) 1176) Afterglow (15) 9pm Guess Who's Coming To Dinner? (NC) 2pm MouseHunt (PG) 4.45pm Oscar And **Lucinda (15)** 6.30pm

DUKE OF YORK'S (01273-626261) My Son The Fanatic (15) 6.45pm **Vestera (15) 4pm, 8.45**pm

WATERSHED (0117-925 3845) Afterglow (15) 6pm, 8.25pm The Taste Of Cherry (PG) 6.05pm, 8.15pm

CAMBRIDGE ARTS CINEMA (01223-504444) Washington Square (PG) 2.45pm, 9.30pm Western (15) 12.15pm, 7pm Wild Man Blues (12) 5pm

CHAPTER ARTS CENTRE (01222-399666) Alice (12) 7.30pm The Scarlet Textic (12) 2.30pm, 8pm Welsh Animation: ladependent Welsh Animation Shorts (NC) 7.30pm

IPSWICH IPSWICH FILM THEATRE (01473-215544) Atterglow (15) 8.30pm Some Prefer Cake (NC) 6pm Washington Square

NORWICH CINEMA CITY (01603-622047) Augustin (NC) 8.15pm The Big Lebewski (18) 2.30pm TwentyFourSeven (15) 5.45pm

PLINOMATA ARTS CENTRE (01752-206114) Prisoner Of The Mountains (15) 8pm

> **CINEMA** COUNTRYWIDE

BATH ABC CINEMA (01225-461730); City Of Angels (12)

LITTLE THEATRE (01225-466822); The Real Blonde (15): The General (15) ROBINS CINEMA (01225-461506): Sliding Doors (15); The Full Monty (15); The Wedding Singer (12)

ARNOLFINI (0117-929 9191); Some Like It Hot (U), Live Flesh (18); Great Expectations (15)

BRISTOL CINEWORLD THE MOVIES (01275-831039); Asastasia (U); Blues Brothers 2000 (PG); Mouse-(U); Blues Brothers 2000 (PG); Mouse-Hunt (PG); Silding Doors (15); The Re-placement Killers (18); Titanic (12); Mrs Brown (PG), Wishmaster (18); Dark City (15); The Wings Of The Dove (15); The Wedding Singer (12); Martina - Meet Frank, Daniel & Laurence (15); City Of Angels (12), Sham Ghansham (NC), Stiff Upper Lips (15); The Big Lebowski (18); Stav Kid (PG); The Full Monty (15); Savier (18); Babe (U); lonty (15); Savior (18); Babe (U); Deep Impact (12): Paws (PG): Scream 2 (18): The Apostle (12): Sarbans Daani Guru Gobind Singh (PG):

A Thousand Acres (15) ORPHEUS HENLEAZE (0117-962 1644), Mrs Brown (PG), Star Kid (PG); Washington Square (PG); The Full Monty (15); The Wings Of The Dave (15): Stiding Doors (15)

ODEON (0117-929 0882); City Of Angels (12); Flubber (U). As Good As it Gets (15); The Wedding Singer (12); The Land Before Time (U). George Of The Jungle (U)

ABC WHITELADIES ROAD (0117-973 3640): The Full Monty (15); City Of Angels (12): Stiding Doors (15)

CANTERBURY ABC CINEMA (0541-555133); The Iding Singer (12); Dark City (15);

Red Corner (15); City Of Angels (12); The Replacement Killers (18); Good CINEMA 3 (01227-769075); Pandora's Box (NC); Midnight in The Gar-

den Of Good And Evil (15); The Blue CARDIFF CAPITOL ODEON (01222-227058);

MouseHunt (PG); Star Kid (PG); Gat-taca (15); The Wedding Sloger (12); Titanic (12); The Wings Of The Dove (15); Scream 2 (18); Wishmaster (18); Deep Impact (12); Anastasia (U); Mimic (15); Wild Things (18); Sliding Dome (15)

MONROE (01222-461690):

UCI 12 (0990-888990):

Killers (18); Sliding Doors (15); Fairy-

tale: A True Story (U); Deep Impact (12); The Peacemaker (15); City Of Angels (12); Mousellunt (PG); Dark City (15);

The Wedding Singer (12): Star Kid (PG The Big Swap (18); Jackie Brown (15)

Paws (PG); Red Corner (15)

A Thousand Acres (15): Flubber (U)

VIRGIN(0870-9070748); Star Kid

(PG); Dark City (15); Stiff Upper Lips

ment Killers (18); The Wedding Sloger

(12); **Scream 2** (18)**; Deep Impact** (12);

Good Burger (PG); Anastasia (U); Red Corner (15); Fairytale: A True Story (U); Titanic (12); Sliding Doors (15)

ABC CINEMA (0115-947 5260);

The Full Monty (15); Silding Doors (15); I Know What You Did Last

Summer (18); Men In Black (PG); The

Man in The Iron Mask (12); The Grass

ODEON (01426-957022); Dark City

(15); Star Kid (PG); Scream 2 (18); The

Replacement Killers (18); Deep Im-

pact (12); Anastasia (U); Mouseliunt

(PG): The Wedding Singer (12): The Butcher Boy (15), City Of Angels (12):

SAVOY (0115-947 2580); The Wed-

ding Singer (12); Deep Impact (12); The Full Monty (15); MouseHunt (PG); Silding Ocors (15); Titanic (12)

Harp (PG); Mrs Brown (PG)

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Scream 2 (18): Stiff Unner Lies

nic (12), Gharwali Bakarwali (PG)

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der (18); The Repta

• GREASE Marissa Dunloo stars in he stage version of the hit film. ABC (0541-555178); Good Burger (PG); The Grass Harp (PG); Seven (18); Blues Brothers 2000 (PG); Stiding 7.30pm, mats Wed & Sat 3pm, £10-£30. (15); The

A HOW I LEARNED TO DRI-MONICO (01222-693426); Titanic (12); The Wedding Singer (12); Good **VE** Paula Vocet's drama about the incestuous relationship between a teenager and her uncle. Donmar Warehouse Eartham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732) Covent Garden, Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Dushman (15): Decoastructing

Thu & Sat 4pm, £12-£16, concs available) THE ICEMAN COMETH ODEON (01222-667166); The Kevin Spacey stars in Eugene O'Neill's classic testimony to the power of dreams. dding Singer (12); City Of Angels Old Vic The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 7616/cc 420 0000) BR/ Waterloo. Mon-Sat 7pm, mats Sat 1.30pm, ends 1 Aug, £5-

> AN IDEAL HUSBAND Christopher Cazenove and Kate O'Mara in Peter Hall's acclaimed production of Wilde's cornedy. Albery St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730/cc 867 1111) ← Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Thu

3pm, Sat 4pm, £7.50-£29.50, 165 mins. AN INSPECTOR CALLS Stephen Daldry's widely-acclaimed production of JB Priestley's thriller. Garriek Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085) ← Leic Sq. Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8.15pm, mats Wed 2.30pm,

Sat 5pm, £10.50-£25. 110 mins. ● KAT AND THE KINGS Musical set in 1950s Cape Town. Vaudeville Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987) BR/& Charing X. Mon-Thu 8pm. Fri-Sat 5.30pm & 8.30pm, £6.25-£27.50. 130

A LETTER OF RESIGNA-TION Hugh Whitemore's play about the Profumo affair and political morality. Savoy Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888/cc 836 0479) & Charing X/Embankment. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed 3pm, Sat 4pm, £12,50-£25. 135 mins.

LIFEGAME Innovative drama based on audience participation. Lyric Hammersmith King Street, W6 (0181-741 2311) ← Hammersmith, June 24-27, 7.30pm, £5-£16, Tue - all seats £5. MAJOR BARBARA Jemma

Redurave and Peter Bowles star in George

Bernard Shaw's classic come Piccadilly Denman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734) - Picc Circ. In rep, tonight 7.45pm, continuing, £8.50-£27.50. • THE MERCHANT OF VENICE Shakespeare's cross cultural comedy. **The Globe** New Globe Walk,

SE1 (0171-401 9919) ← London Bridge.

In rep. today 2pm, ends 19 Sep, £5-£20,

concs available.

● A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DRIEAM Classic tale of love and confusion set in the fairy kingdom. Open Air Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 Ticket availability details are for today; times and prices for the week; running 2431/cc 486 1933) - Baker Street. In rep today 2.30pm & 8pm, ends 5 Sep.

THEATRE

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times include intervals.
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— Returns only Mattinees — [1]: Sun, [3]: Tue, [4]: Wed, [5]: Thu, [6]: Fri, [7]: Sat

OART Richard Griffiths, Tony Haygarth, Malcolm Story star. Wynd-

ham's Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-

369 1735/cc 867 1111) ↔ Leic Sq.

Tue-Sat 8pm, mats Wed 3pm. Sat & Sun

5pm, booking to Oct 10, £9.50-£27.50.

New Globe Walk, SE1 (0171-401 9919)

→ London Bridge. In rep, tonight 7.45pm, ends 8 Sep, £5-£20, concs available.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Lavish family musical based on Disney's

cartoon version of the lavourite fairy tale.

Dominion Tottenham Court Road, W1

(0171-656 1888) 👄 Tott Ct Rd. Mon-

Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed & Sat 2.30pm,

● BLOOD BROTHERS Willy

Russell's musical melodrama. Phoenix Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369

1733) ← Leic So/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Thu 3pm, Sat 4pm,

BUDDY Musical blog-show tracing the brief life of Buddy Holly. Strand Aldwych, WC2 (0171-930 8800)

Covent Garden/Charing X, Tue-Thu 8pm, Frl 5.30pm & 8.30pm, Sat 5pm &

8.30nm, mats Sun 4pm, £6.75-£30, 160

> CATS Lloyd Webber's musical version of TS Eliot's poems. New

London Parker Street, WC2 (0171-405

0072/cc 404 4079) & Covent Garden/Holborn. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Tue & Sat 3pm, £12.50-£32.50. 165

OCHICAGO Ruthie Henshall stars.

Adelphi Malden Lane, WC2 (0171-344 0055) ← Charing X. Mon-Sat 8pm, mais

Wed & Sat 2.30pm, £16-£36 (inc book-

• CLOSER Superb study of

contemporary sexual relationships from

7.30pm, mats Wed & Sat 3pm, £5-£27.50, 140 mins.

A THE COMPLETE WORKS

OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

(ABRIDGED) Reduced Shakespeare

Company tast-forward through 37 plays.

Criterion Piccadilly Circus, W1 (0171-

369 1747) → Picc Circ. Wed-Sat 8pm, mats Thu 3pm, Sat 5pm, Sun 4pm, £9.50-

ELTON JOHN'S GLASS-

ES David Farr's cornedy about one man's

their failure to win the Cup Final in 1984.

Queen's Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5590/cc 344 4444) ← Picc

Circ. Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8pm, mats Wed 3pm, Sat 4pm, £10.50-£27.50.

) GAS STATION ANGEL

Story of two lovers who are fated to meet,

irom the creator of House Of America. Not

suitable for children. Royal Court

Uostairs (at The Ambassadors) West

Street, WC2 (0171-565 5000) 🕁 Leic

Sq. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Sat 4pm, ends

27 Jun, £5-£10, benches 10p. Mon &

◆ THE GIFT Angela de Castro's

exploration of love and loss through clown-

ing. Barbican: The Pit Barbican

Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891)

→ Barbican/Moorgate. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Tue, Thu & Sat 2.30pm, ends 4 Jul,

£12-£15.

matinees - all seats £5. 130 mins.

session with Wattord Football Club and

ing fee). 130 mins.

£20, 120 mins

£17.50-£32.50. 150 mins.

£10,50-£29.50. 165 mins.

) LES MISERABLES Musical dramatisation of Victor Hugo's masterpiece. Palace Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-434 0909) - Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thu & Sat 2.30pm, £7-£32.50, 195 mins.

) MISS SAIGON Musical which resets the Madam Butterfly transdy to Vietnam. Theatre Royal, Drury Lane Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5060) Ocyant Garden, Mon-Sat 7-45pm, mals • AS YOU LIKE IT Shakespeare's literary comedy contrasting the court and the natural world. The Globe Wed & Sat 3pm, £5.75-£32.50, 165 mins.

● THE MOUSETRAP Anatha Christie's whodumnit. St Martin's West Street, WC2 (0171-836 1443) & Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Tue 2.45pm, Sat 5pm, £9-£23, 135 mins.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING Declan Donnellan directs Cheek By Jowi in a new production of Shakespeare's classic. Playhouse Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (0171-839) 4401/cc 316 4747) → Embanloment. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thu & Sat 2.30pm, ends 25 Jul, £10-£22.

THE OLD NEIGHBOR-HOOD David Marnet's new play is directed by Patrick Marter, Royal Court (at the Dake Of York's) St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-565 5000) - Leic Sq/Charing X. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Sat 3.30pm, £5-£19.50, benches 10p, Mon - all seats

OTHE PHANTOM OF THE **OPERA** Andrew Lloyd Webber's Gothic musical. Her Majesty's Haymarket, SW1 (0171-494 5400/cc 344 4444) O Pioc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed & Sat 3pm, £10-£32.50. 150 mins.

POPCORN Lawrence Boswell directs Ben Ellon's satire on cinema vio-lence. Apollo Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070) O Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Wed 3pm, Sat 4pm, £6.50-£23.50. 150 mins.

D THE REAL INSPECTOR HOUND & BLACK COMEDY Double bill of drama from Torn Stoppard and Peter Schafter, directed by Gregory Doran. Comedy Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731) ← Picc Circ/Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed & Sat 3pm. £7.50-£27.50, 165 mins.

Dealer's Choice author Patrick Marber.

Lyric Shattesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045) ← Picc Circ. Mon-Sat RENT Musical inspired by La Boheme and set in modern day New York. bury Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399) ← Holborn/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7,30pm, mats Wed & Sat 3pm. £12.50-£32.50 160 mins.

> ROYAL NATIONAL THEATRE OLIVIER: Brassed Off Moving drama about the hom-blowing miners of the closing Grimley Colliery Last perfs, to-day 2 pm & 7.15 pm. ● LYTTELTON: The Prime Of Miss Jean Brodie Finna Shaw stars as the Scottish schoolmistress in this new adapatation of the classic novel by Muriel Spark. In rep. tonight 7.30pm. ends 3 Oct.
> OCOTTESLOE: The Day I Stood Still Kevin Elyot's new play is based on a friendship lorged in the 1960s and directed by lan Rickson. In rep, tonight 7.30pm, ends 27 Jun. 110 mins. Olivier & Lyttetton £8-£27. Cottesloe.

£12-£19. SOUM BAOK SE1 3000). O Embankment. **OSATURDAY NIGHT FEVER** Hit 1970s musical leaturing songs by the Bee Gess. London Palladium Arovil Street, W1 (0171-494 5020) ◆ Oxford Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30nm, mats Wed & Sat. 2.30pm, £10-£32.50. 135 mins.

OSHOW BOAT Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein's musical set on the Mississippi. Prince Edward Old Compton Street, W1 (0171-447 5400) ← Leic So/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thu & Sat 2.30pm, £10-£35. 180

• SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE - THE SONGS OF LEIBER AND STOLLER The rock and roll hitmakers celebrated in a musical revue that includes Jailhouse Rock. Prince of Wales Coventry Street, W1 (0171-839 5972) → Leic Sq/Picc Circ, Mon-Thu 8pm, Fri 5.45pm & 8.30pm, Sat 3pm & 8pm, £15-£32.50, Fri mats £10-£25. 135

STARLIGHT EXPRESS Andrew Lloyd Webber's hi-tech roller-musical. Apollo Victoria Wilton Road, SW1 (0171-416 6070) BR/& Victoria. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Tue & Sat 3pm, £12.50-£30. 150 mins.

SWEET CHARITY Bornie Langford stars in this classic musical, featuring the numbers Hey Big Spender and the Rhythm Of Life, Victoria Palace Victoria Street, SW1 (0171-834 1317) BR/ Victoria. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed & Sat 3pm, £15-£30.

THINGS WE DO FOR LOVE ane Asher stars in Alan Ayckbourn's comedy. Gleigud Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065) ← Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Thu & Sat 3pm, £10.50-

) THE UNEXPECTED MAN Yasmin Reza's follow-up to Art is a drama about a novelist and a life-long admirer. Michael Gambon and Eileen Atkins star. Duchess Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5075/cc 344 4444) Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Wed 4pm, Sat 5pm, £10-£25, 100 mins.

) WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND Lloyd Webber's new musical based on the film of the same name. Aldwych Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003/cc 836 2428) ↔ Holborn, Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thu & Sat 3pm, £10-

n the woman in black Susan Hill's chilling ghost story, Fortune Russell Street, WC2 (0171-836 2238/cc 344 4444) Covent Garden/Holborn Mon-Sat Born, mais Tue 3pm, Sat 4pm, £8.50-£23,50. 110 mins.

THEATRE

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ALMEIDA THEATRE The Doctor's Dilemma Tony Britton stars in George Bernard Shaw's cornedy. Mon-Sat. 7,30pm, mais Sai 3pm, ends 27 Jun. £6.50-£19.50, concs available. Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404) Angel/Highbury & Islington.

FIRST CALL, LAST CALL

First Call

SINGER Neil Diamond (right) has added two London concerts to the Birmingham NEC dates in March 1999. It will be the American idol's first gig in the UK for some years, coinciding with the release of a new single and album. Tickets are expected to sell out quickly. Diamond's gravelly voice and songwriting has made him one of the richest entertainers, which no doubt serves as some cushion against King-of-Naff jibes and the fact that, over the last 18 years, Diamond hasn't had a Top 10 single in Britain. Expect the audience to be made up of hard-core "Diamond head" fans. Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Wembley (0181-902 0902) 8,9 Mar 1999, £27.50-£30

Last Call

SINCE Jasper Carrott shot to fame in 1978 with An Audience with Jusper Carrott, the man known for his rubber face has rarely been off the television. His most recent venture was the lifth series of The Detections, but he's returning to the stage for 10 performances in October. The Brummie takes small observations and makes large jokes out of them. Frothy coffee? "Where's the coffee? Cappuccino is Italian for here comes another mug." Haymarket Theatre, London SW1 (0171-930 8800) 12-23 Oct. £15-£32

KING'S HEAD, ISLINGTON Billy Liar Paul Nicholls stars as the bored undertaker's clerk who dreams of escape Tue-Sat 8pm, mats Sat & Sun 3.30pm ends 12 Jul. £12, concs £7. Upper Street. N1 (0171-226 1916) ← Angel/Highbur

YOUNG VIC STUDIO The Boss Room Reconstruction of the life of Medieval Queen Juana La Lorca. Mon-Sat 7 45nm ends 4 Jul FR, cooks 26. The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363) BR/ Wa-

> **THEATRE** COUNTRYWIDE

BATH THEATRE ROYAL Dial M For Murder Renowned psychological thriller made famous by Hitchcock's film. Mea-Wed 7.30pm. Thu-Sat 8pm, mat actay 2.30pm, ends 27 Jun. 58-522.50, concs available. St. Johns Place (01225-448844/cc 448861)

HIPPODROME THEATRE Buddy Musical tribute to the late Buddy Holly. From 23 Jun, Mon-Thu 8pm, Fri 5.30pm & 8.30pm, Sat 5pm & 8pm, ends 4 Jul. £9-£21.50, conos available. St. Augustines Parade (0117-929 9444)

CARDIFF NEW THEATRE West Side Story Bernstein and Scholheim's musical gang-land version of Romeo and Juliet, Mor-Sat 7.30pm, mat Thu & Sat, 2.50pm, eccts

4 Jul. £10-£25.50. Park Place (£1222-CHICHESTER CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THE-ATRE Saturday, Sunday... And Monday Domestic cornedy set in ! laples about family tensions in the run up to a tractitional Sunday lunch, Mon-Sat 7,30pm. mats Thu & Sat 2.30pm, ends 27 Jun. £6.50-£25. Oaklands Park (01243-

MADDERMARKET THEATRE Too Many Chosts Cornedy about a man who hires an appartment in order to impress his wife. Mon-Set 7.30pm, ends 27 Jun. £4-£6.50, comes £4. St. Johns Alley

(01603-620917) THEATRE ROYAL The 7 Ages 01 **forman** Barbara Dickson stars in this drama following one woman's life from cradie to grave. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, ends 27 Jun. £3-£14.50. Theatre Street (01603-

PETERBOROUGH KEY THEATRE Just Like That Play about Tommy Cooper's early life seen through the eyes of his long-last sidekic Frankie Lyons. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, ends 27 Jun. £9.50-£12, concs available. Embankment Road (01733-552439)

PORTSMOUTH KING'S THEATRE SOUTHSEA Spring And Part Wine Vintage come dy about a disciplinarian tather whose daughter finally challenges his authori-. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, ends 27 Jun. £6 £16. Albert Road, Southsea (01705-828282)

RICHMOND THEATRE Two By Pinter: The Collection & The Lover Harold Pinter's double bill in which in he appears alongside Lia Williams and Douglas Hodge. In rep, today 2.30pm & 7.45pm, continuing. £7-£20. The Green, Richmond (0181-940 0088)

SALISBURY SALISBURY PLAYHOUSE Sum edy of manners. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Thu & Sat 2.30pm, ends 4 Jul. £9-£15, concs available. Malthouse Lane (01722-

SOUTHAMPTON MAYFLOWER THEATRE BOOK ights Shane Richle stars in a brand new 1970s musical. Mon-Thu 7.30pm, Fri & Sat 5pm & 9pm, ends 27 Jun. £10 £20.50. Commercial Road (01703-

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON THE OTHER PLACE Shadows Riders to The Sea & The Shadow of The Glen & Purgatory Triple-bill of dra-ma by WB Yeats and JM Synge. In rep, tonight 7.30pm, ends 4 Sep. £12-£19. Southern Lane (01789-295623)

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THE-ATRE The Tempest Adrian Nobie directs. In rep. tonight 7.30pm, ends 25 Aug. £5-£37, Waterside (01789-295623) SWAN THEATRE Talk Of The City

Stephen Poliakolf's drama explore:

tocrat determined to win a

title. Mon-Sat 8pm, mat today 2.30pm,

media control in the early days of TV and radio. In rep. tonight 7.30pm, ends 3 Sep. £5-£31, Waterside (01789-295623) HALL FOR CORNWALL Kind Hearts And Coronets Robert Powell and Colin Baker star in this story about an arts

EXHIBITIONS

HOLBURNE MUSEUM & CRAFTS STUDY CENTRE THE COLLECTOR'S EYE: FROM ROMNEY TO RENOIR Endish an from the 18th and 19th centuries. Mon-Sat 11am-5pm, Sun 2.30pm-5.30pm, ends 5 Jul. £3.50, OAP £3, UB40/60+

52, child £1.50, family £7 (to museum). Great Pulteney Street (01225-466669) THE ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY IMAGE AND ICON

photography 1975-1995. Mon-Sun 9.30am-5.30cm (last adm. 4.45pm), ends 19 Jul. £2.50, concs £1.75. The Octagon Galieries, Millsom Street (01225-

462841)

BRIGHTON HOVE MUSEUM & ART GALLERY IN THE MIND'S EYE: SURREALIST WORKS ON PA-PER Featuring major surrealists such as Dail, Max Ernst and Edward Burra. Tue-Fri 10zm-5pm, Sat 10am-4.30pm, Sun 2cm-5pm, ends 5 Jul, hee. New Church Road (0:273-290200)

CAMBRIDGE FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM KU-NIYOSHI Prints by the Japanese maser. Tue-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.15pm-5pm, ends 28 Jun, free. Trumpimpton Street (01223-332900)

LONDON BARBICAN ART GALLERY THE WARHOL LOOK: GLAMOUR, STYLE FASHION Gree 500 works expolore art,

The end testion during Warhol's life. Mon, Thu-Sat 10am-6.45pm, Tue 10am-45pm, Wed 10am-7.45pm, Sun & Bank Hols 12noon-6.45pm, ends 16 Aug. £6 (£4 etter 5pm Mon-Fri), concs £4. Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 4141) - Barbican Moorgate.

DULWICH PICTURE GALLERY PAULA REGO The leading painter presents new work inspired by a 19th century novel. Tue-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 11am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm, ends 26 Jul. DAP/NUS £1.50. UB40\disabled\child\Fri free (to gallery). College Road, SE21 (0181-693 5254) BR:

NATIONAL GALLERY MASTERS OF LIGHT: DUTCH PAINTING FROM UTRECHT IN THE GOLD-EN AGE Dutch paintings from the 17th century demonstarting unique use of light, includes work by Bloemaert and ter Brugghen. Ends 2 Aug. \$5,concs \$3. CARAVAGGIO: THE FLAGEL-LATION OF CHRIST Exhibition centred on a loaned work by the 17th century artist. Mon-Sat 10am-6pm (Wed until 8pm), Sun 12noon-6pm, ends 9 Aug, free. Trafalgar Square, WC2 (0171-839 3321) Charing Cross, Leicester

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS ROYAL ACADEMY SUMMER EXHIBITION 1998 Major annual (to 8.30 Sun), ends 16 Aug. £7, UB40/OAP £5.50, NUS £5, child 12-18 £2.50. child 8-11 £1 inci handbook.

Park/Piccadilly Circus. TATE GALLERY SOME NEW PAINTINGS: LUCIAN FREUD Recent work by the leading artist, in cludings recent self-portralt etching Ends 26 Jul, free Ends ART NOW 14: SOPHIE CALLE'S THE BIRTHDAY CEREMONY Sculptural installation of blirthday gifts. Mon-Sun 10am-5.50pm, ends 16 Aug, free. Millbank, SW1 (0171-887 8000) &

VICTORIA & ALBERT MUSEUM THE POWER OF THE POSTER Graphic art from the last century, ranging from Toulouse Lautrec to Wonderbra. Mon 12noon-5.45pm, Tue-Sun 10am-5.45pm, ends 26 Jul. £5, concs £3. under 18/ ES40s/disabled/mems/ 4.30pm-5.45pm, free (to museum). Cromwell Road, SW7 (0171-938 8441) South Kensington.

NORWICH CASTLE MUSEUM WATERCOLOUR: A BRITISH IN-VENTION Three centuries of watercolour including works by Turner. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm, ends 28 Jun. £2.40, concs £1.60, child £1.10 (to museum), Castle Meadow (01603-223624)

axford ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM AR-CHITECT OF THE GOTHIC RE-VIVAL: L N COTTINGHAM 1787-1847 Loooking at the liachlevements of this architect. Tue-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 2pm-4pm, ends 21 Jun, free. Beaumont Street (01865-278000)

PLYMOUTH CITY MUSEUM & ART GALLERY GOYA: THE DIS-PARATES Late satirical etchings. Tue-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-5pm, ends 27 Jun. free. Drake Circus ands 27 Jun. £9.50-£14, concs 27 Jun. free. Drat £7.50-£12. Back Quay (01872-262466) (01752-304774/264878)

CLASSICAL

LONDON MIDDLE TEMPLE HALL ILYA ITIN The planist with a rich and varied recital. Tonight 7.30pm. £20. The Temple, EC4 (0171-638 8891) → Temple.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL MUR-RAY PERAHIA Beethoven and Schu-bert piano sonatas. Tonight 7.30pm. £8-£30. South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 (242) BRV Waterloo.

WIGMORE HALL TRIO JEAN PAUL Piano trios by Beethoven, Schumann and Wolfgang Rihm. Tonight 7.30pm. 26-£14.

OPERA

LONDON DRILL HALL ARTS CENTRE DIE FLEDERMAUS New Music Theatre London production of Strauss' operatia Tue-Sun 7.30pm, ends 11 Jul. £14 & £16, concs £10. Chenies Street, WC1 (0171-

637 8270) ← Goodge Street. LONDON COLISEUM DOCTOR OX'S EXPERIMENT A new opera for English National by Gavin Bryars with a libretto by Blake Morrison. Tonight 7.30pm. 25-225. St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-632 8300) ← Leicester-Source/Charino Cross.

DANCE

HIGH WYCOMBE HOLYWELL MEAD OPEN AIR SWIMMING POOL THE CHOL-MONDELEYS AND THE FEATH-ERSTONEHAUGHS: OUT ON THE WINDY BEACH Piece about the secrets behind beach but walls. Tonight 7.30pm, £9.50, concs £7,50. The Rye

(01494-512000)

LONDON BLOOMSBURY THEATRE SZEGED CONTEMPORARY BAL-LET: MAN OF MUD Rungarian Tamas Juronics choreographs a mixture of dance acrobatics and dance-theatre. Tonight 8pm. E9-£12, concs £5. Gordon Street,

NC1 (0171-388 8822) Tube/BR: Euston. ROYAL ALBERT HALL ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET: ROMEO AND JULIET In-the-round staging by Derek Deane to Prokofiev's score. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, ends 30 Jun. £13.50-£45. Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212) O High Street Kensington.

LITERATURE

LONDON CENTRAL LIBRARY READING GROUP A chance for book lovers to share their enthusiasms - bring along a favourite or current book. CENTRAL LI-BRARY High Road N22 (0181-888

ends, 30 Dec. tree. DJ ENRIGHT & DOROTHY NIM-MO Poetry Book Society Spring Reading features the authors of Paradise illustrated and The Children's Game. VOICE BOX, ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL. South Bank SE1 (0171-960 4242) BR/ Waterloo. Tonight 7.30pm. £4, concs £2.50

COMEDY

COLCHESTER KIT AND THE WIDOW IN MEAT ON THE BONE AT MERCURY THEATRE Musical comedy duo. Tonight 8pm, from £9.90. Balkerne Gate (01206-573948)

LONDON DAVE GORMAN IN REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL AT OLD RED LION The BAFTA award winning Mrs Merton writer gets inspired by the Ian Dury pop song Tonight 7.45pm, £5, St. John Street, EC1 (0171-837 7816) Angel,

THE COMEDY STORE The Comedy Store Players with Jim Sweeney Richard Vranch, Neil Multarkey, Steve Steen, Josie Lawrence and Tony Hawks. Tonight 8pm, £11. Oxendon Street, 5W1 (01426-914433/cc 0171-344 4444) Piccadilly Circus.

CLUBS

BRIGHTON GOGGLEZ AT THE TAVERN CLUB AT THE ROYAL PAVILION TAVERN Tech-funk mutations from hip hop, electro to breakbeat and tectino. Tonight 10pm-2am, £1, Castle Square, LOWER North Street (01273-325684)

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Broden, free.

JOI PRESENT MELA AT THE DOGSTAR Asian-style breakbeats Override (Ninja Tune), Toraght 10pm-2am, Coldinatious Lane, SW9 (0171-733 7515) **EVENTS**

CARDIFF INTERNATIONAL ANIMATION FESTIVAL CARDIFF Annahon from around the world, including feature films, screenings of TV series, pop pro-mos, commercials and displays of new technology. St Dayld's Hall The Hayes (01222-878444) Ends 28 Jan, phone for

LONDON

MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S CAN-DLE-LIT CHAPITY WALK Summer strollers invited to dusk promenate in the park in aid of St. John's Huspice in St. John's Wood. Regent's Park Meet At Marylebone Green NW1 (0171-286 5126-Eq 450) O Regent's Park/Great Portland Street, Torright 6.30pm, free, man. sponsorship £10.

TREASURES OF THE MOSCOW KREMLIN: ARSENAL OF THE RUSSIAN TSARS Exhibition on loan from the Kremin Armoury Museum in Moscow, celebrating the artistry of arms and annour made between 1500 and 800. Royal Armouries Museum Tower of London EC3 (0171-480 6358) Tower Hill Mon-Sat Sam-Sonn, Sun 10am-6pm, ends 13 Sap. £9.50. concs £7.15, child £6.25, under 5s tree, tam-

ilv £28.40. STRATFORD-UPON-AVON ACTOR FORUM ON MEASURE FOR MEASURE Members of the RSC company discuss their approach. Today

10.30am, £2.50. PRACTICAL TEXT WORKSHOP ON THE TEMPEST The company discuss Shakespeare's magical last play. Today 11.45am; 4.15pm, £2.50. MAKING FACES - RSC WIG.

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& MAKE-UP DEMONSTRATION The RSC Wig and Make-up team demon-strate their art. Today 1:30pm, £2:50. PLAYERS OF SHAKESPEARE: DAVID CALDER ON PROSPERO Acclaimed actor Calder discusses the enigmatic character, Prospero. Marquee, Swan Bardens (01789-295623) Today 2.45pm, £2.50.

MUSIC

GLOUCESTER THE DIVINE COMEDY Glastonbury warm-up show for the dandy Neil Hamton. Guildhail Arts Centre Eastgate Street (01452-505089) Tonight 7.30pm, £10.

LONDON KENNY WAYNE SHEPHERD One of the torch carriers for the next generation of blues. The Borderline Manette-Street W1 (0171-734 2095) Tottenham Court Road. Tonight 8.30pm, £9. THE BEASTIE BOYS Maverick hip hop moguls return for some UK dates. Brixton Academy Stockwell Road SW9 (0171-924 9999) Tube/BR: Brixton. Tonight 6.30pm, phone for availability. GIRLFRENDO DIY india-girl pop from the tiny but trendy Place label. Upstairs at the Garage Highbury Corner N5 (0171-607 1818/cc 0171-344 0044)

 Highbury & Islington. Tonight 9pm. phone for prices. LACK UMFOLOSI Zimbabwean mitsic and dance ensemble. Spiegettent Highbury Fields N5 (0171-288 6700). Tube/BR: Highbury & Islington. Tonight 9.30pm, £7, concs £5.

THE FOUR BROTHERS Zimbabwe's poppy and effervescent iit quartet The Weavers Newington Green Road N1 4 (0171-226 6911) ← Highbury & Is-lington. Tonight 8.30pm, £6-£7. PORTSMOUTH IAN BROWN Controversial monkey Susiness from the ex-Stone Roses singer, Wedgewood Rooms Albert Road, Southsea (01705-863311).

Tonight 8pm, phone for availability. **MUSIC**

JAZZ, WORLD, FOLK LONDON

JAZZ SINGERS' NETWORK Regular London showcase leatures OElizabeth Jose and Marie Murphy. 606 Club Lots Road SW10 (0171-352 5953) ← Fulham Broadway/Earls Court, Tonight 9.30pm & 12midnight, £4.95. GEORGIE FAME & HIS BIRTH-DAY BIG BAND VEREIGN R&B and soul

singer celebrates with 19 close friends. Buil's Head bonsdale Road SW13 (0181-876 5241) BR: Barnes Bridge. Tonight 8pm, £8. GWEN SAMP C Powerful lazz, soul and blues vocalist. Gr.L. Wing Cape St. Pauls Road N1 (0171-226 2885) + Highbury & Istington, Tonight 9pm, £4. RAY ALEXANDER QUARTET EI-

egant chamber jazz vibist. Royal Festival Hall Foyer South Bank SE1 (0171-960 4242) BR/ Waterloo. Today 12.30pm, free. LAKA DAISICAL Outrageous vocal-ist and entertainer. Vortex Stoke Newington Church Street N16 (0171-254. 6516) BR: Stoke Newington, Tonight Spm.

WORTHING SARAH JORY BAND Steel guitar virtuoso plays coun-try. Pavillon Theatre Marine Parade (01903-820500) Tonight 7,30pm, 25-28.

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RADIO 1

(97.6-99.8MHz FM)

6.30 Chris Moyles.

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RADIO 2

RADIO 3

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9.00 Masterworks.

11.00 Sound Stories.

10.30 Artist of the Week.

2.00 The BBC Orchestras.

4.00 Choral Evensong.

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 1

6.00 Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of

Happiness on the Planet of the Aces

(1974) (67241521). 7.40 Stagecoach (1966)

(26719095). 9.40 Jumanji (1995) (52020927). 11.20 The Hired Heart (1997)

(25394908). 1.00 Life, Liberty and the

Pursuit of Happiness on the Planet of Apes (1974) (33340), 3.00 Unstrung Heroes (1995) (60958), 5.00 Jumanii

(1995) (12250), **7.00** The Hired Heart (1997) (18873), **9.00** The Craft (1996)

(71713540). 10.45 Cover Me (1995)

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 2

(92247521), **12,20** Seeds of Doubt (1996) 532922), **1,55** Born Bad (1997) (134090).

645 I'll Get By (1950) (67268298), 8-00

Sea Devils* (1937) (80502). 10.00 What

Last American Hero (1973) (83863), 2.00

Sea Devils* (1937) (73873) 4.00 fil Get By* (1950) (1298). 6.00 What Love Sees (1996) (65076). 7.30 El News Week in

Review (4095), 8,00 The Cherokee Kid

(1996) (98182). 10.00 Casino (1995)

(587)7057), **12.55** Roommates (1995)

4.00 Sabrina* (1954) (7970521). 6.00 Made in Heaven (1987) (1351569). 8.00

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975)

See Pick of the Day (1323786), 10.00 Sabrina* (1954) (8076415), 11.55 A

1985) (4504800). 4.30 My Favourite

Slonde* (1942) (52089813). 5.45 Close.

8.00 The A-Team: Action drama series

Highway Patrol (8227/82). 9.30 Cops (7486540). 10.00 Italian Stripping Housewise (748618). 10.30 World Cup

Rambo III (1988) (3258637). 1.00 Beverly

(3240502). 9.00 Real Stories of the

Indercover (7157366). 11.00 Film:

- ilis Bordello (4060496). 1.30 italien

Stripping Housewives (3205545). 2.00

Real Stories of the Highway Patrol 7353816), 2.30 Cops (7365651), 3.00

*#m: Redemption: Frightmare (1974) 7503922), **5.00 - 6.00** The A-Team

7306705). 4.30 Zoo Story (7302989).

LOO Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures 8 . SCOVERY CHANNEL

Nightmare on Elm Street Part 2: Freddy's

Revenge (1985) (2563540). **1.20** Kung Fu the Movie (1986) (3862106). **2.55** Chiller

(708038). 2.45 Bottle Rocket (1996)

(708800). **4.20 - 6.00** The Last

American Hero (1973) (917767).

SKY MOVIES GOLD

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Love Sees (1996) (34960). 12.00 The

6.00 On Air.

5.00 In Tune.

6.30 Kevin Greening and Zoe Ball. 9.00 Simon Mayo. 12.00 Jo Whiley. 2.00 Mark Radcliffe. 4.00

Dave Pearce. 6.30 Steve Lamacquite Evening Session. 8.30 Movie Update with Mark Kermode. 8.40 John Peel. 10.30 Mary Anne

Hobbs. 1.00 Clive Warren. 4.00

6.00 Sarah Kennedy. 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan. 9.30 Ken Bruce. 12.00 Jimmy Young. 2.00 Ed 12.05 Johnnie Walker.

7.00 Nick Barraclough. 8.00 Mike Harding. 9.00 The Andy Peebles

Soul Show, 10.00 Johnnie Walker

Owen. 3.00 - 4.00 Alex Lester.

10.30 Richard Alinson. 12.05 Jeff

12.00 Composer of the Week: C P

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WEDNESDAY RADIO

PICK OF THE DAY

GAVIN BRYARS beautifully stylised, though rather long-winded, rendition of Jules Verne's black comedy, Dr Ox's Experiment (7.25pm R3), comes live from the English National Opera, with an enchanting libretto by Blake Morrison, It tells the story of a mad scientist who conducts a scientific experiment on a sleepy town in Flanders, with catastrophic results. The distinguished racon-teur Frank Muir is recalled with

touching affection by his cowriter Denis Norden (right) in a Kentish Lad Remembered (11.30am R4), which includes some rib-tickling excerpts from their radio series Take it from Here. Nightwaves (10.45pm R3) looks at the uneasy issues surrounding the display of indigenous collections abroad as the British Museum launches its first exhibition devoted to Maori art.

FIONA STURGES

devoted to the culture and arts of the Maori people of New Zealand, Laura Cumming explores the New Zealand about the work of contemporary Maori artists and writers. Plus first-night news from the opening of "How I Learned to Drive by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Paula Vogel. See Pick of

12.00 Composer of the Week: Beethoven. (R) 1.00 - 6.00 Through the Night.

Experiment, English National Opera's world premiere production RADIO 4 of the new opera by Gavin Bryars, staged by Canadian film director (92.4-94.6MHz FM) Atom Egoyan. The story is a satirical 6.00 Today. version by Blake Morrison of a 9.00 Midweek fantastic tale by Jules Verne. With 9.45 Serial: Intimate Death. 10.00 NEWS; Woman's Hour. Bonaventura Bottone, tenor (Dr Ox) 11.00 NEWS; On Watch. and Riccardi Simonetti, baritone (Ygene), Chorus and Orchestra of English National Opera/James 12.00 NEWS; You and Yours. Holmes. Act 1. See Pick of the Day. 1.00 The World at One. 8.30 Interval Natalie Wheen talks 1.30 Wordly Wise. (R) to Gavin Bryars, Blake Morrison 2.00 NEWS; The Archers. and Atom Egoyan about the preparations for 'Dr Ox's Experiment' 8.50 Dr Ox's Experiment, Act 2. 3.30 Matchmakers

10.15 Postscript: The Short Stories of Ernest Hemingway. 3: The Snows of Kilimanjaro. Reader Ron Berglas. Abridged by John Hartley. 5.00 PM 10.45 Night Waves. As the British 6.00 Six O'Clock News. 6.30 The Alan Davies Show. Museum launches its first exhibition

Remembered. See Pick of the Day. 3.00 NEWS; Gardeners' Question

3.45 The End of the World. 4.00 NEWS; Case Notes. 4.30 Thinking Allowed.

7.00 NEWS; The Archers. 745 Front Row. Mark Lawson presents the arts show, which tonight features a verdict on a new play by American dramatist David

7.45 Under One Roof: I Never Promised You a Rose Garden. Salty Worboyes's series is based on the original stories by Michele Hanson. Everything in the garden is not quite as lovely as Gillian and her boyfriend would like, as he sets to work to create an Eden in the suburbs and battles with major resistance from Bernice and Chloe. With Paola Dionisotti and Edna Dore (3/5). 8.00 NEWS; The Moral Maze.

Michael Buerk and his team of regulars cross-examine 'witnesses' about their views on the moral questions behind one of the week's headlines. 8.45 Maps for the Future. The third

of four programmes featuring speeches of inspiration and humour from graduation ceremonies past and present.

9.00 NEWS; Costing the Earth. Tyres'. Tighter regulations have meant that we change our tyres more frequently than ever, but where do they go? As landfill will no longer be an option, 'Costing the Earth' investigates the possibility of an environmental solution, Presented by Guy Linley-Adams. 9.30 Midweek. Lively conversation with Emma Freud and guests.

10.00 The World Tonight. 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Scarlet and Black. By Stendhal, read by Greg Wise, abridged in ten perts by Michelene Wandor. Julien's ambitions become focussed on the church. He falls in love, but an anonymous letter threatens disaster

11.00 The Way it is. Satire, sketches and a hard look behind the week's media events from Sanieev Bhaskar, Simon Evans. Dave Lamb and Flona Allen. 11.30 The Cheese Shop Presents... 12.00 News. 12.30 The Late Book: Intimacy. 12.48 Shipping Forecast.

1.00 As World Service. 5.30 World News. 5.35 Shipping Forecast. 5.40 Inshore Forecast. 5.45 Prayer for the Day. 5.47 - 6.00 Farming Today.

RADIO 4 LW (198kHz) 9.45 - 10.00 Daily Service. 12.00 12.04 News Headlines; Shipping Forecast. 5.54 - 5.57 Shipping Forecast. 11.30 - 6.00 Today in

Parliament. **RADIO 5 LIVE** (693, 909kHz MW) 6.00 The Breakfast Programme. 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News.

7.55 World Cup 98. Ian Payne introduces commentary from John Murray, Simon Brotherton and Martin O'Neil in Lens as the final placings are decided in Group D. Plus news of the night's other game, Nigeria v Paraguay, from Jimmy Amfield in Toulouse. Including the National Lottery Draw 10.00 Late Night Live. With Nick Robinson Including a late news briefing at 11.00, and at 11.15 The Financial World Tonight and a topical late-night discussion. 1.00 Up All Night, 5.00 - 6.00 Morning Reports. **CLASSIC FM** (100.0-101.9MHz FM)

6.00 Nick Bailey. 8.00 Henry Kelly. 12.00 Requests. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 Jamie Crick. 6.30 Newsnight, 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. 9.00 Evening Concert. 11.00 Alan Mann. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 - 6.00 Mark Griffiths. **YIRGIN RADIO** (1215, 1197-1260kHz MW 1058MHz FM)

7.00 Chris Evans. 10.00 Russ Williams. 1.00 Nick Abbot. 4.00 Robin Banks/FM only Ray Cokes from 6.45pm. 7.30 Ray Cokes. 10.00 Mark Forrest. 2.00 Caimin Jones. 5.00 - 7.00 Jeremy Clark. WORLD SERVICE (198kHz LW)

1.00 Newsdesk. 1.30 From Our Own Correspondent. 1.45 Britain Today. 2.00 Newsdesk. 2.30 Omnibus. 3.00 Newsday. 3.30 Meridian (Books). 4.00 World News. 4.05 World Business Report. 4.15 Sports Roundup. 4.30 The World Today (0430-0700)/Insight (SW 5875kHz only). 4.45 Off the Shelf: Something to Hide. 5.30 Outlook (SW 7235kHz only). 5.55 - 6.30 Music Brief (SW7235kHz only). TALK RADIO

6.30 The New Talk Radio Breakfast Show Kirsty Young with Bill Overton. 9.00 Scott Chisholm. **12.00** Lorraine Kelly. **2.00** Tommy Boyd. 3.00 France v Denmark Live Commentary, 5.00 Peter Deeley. 7.00 Anna Raeburn. 9.00 James Whale. 1.00 lan Collins and the Creatures of the Night. 5.00 - 6.30 The Early Show with Bill Overton.

Football: World Cup 98 Nigeria v

UK GOLD

Paraguay (417453). 10.00 Football: World

Cup 98 Spain v Bulgaria (70809). 12.00

Football: World Cup 98 (67125). 12.30

Neighbours (8429811), 7.55 EastEnders

The Bill (7132057). 9.30 Juliet Bravo

11.00 Dallas (2299521), 11.55

Neighbours (29657057). 12.25

(5029095), 8.30 The Bill (7141705), 9.00

(3192618), 10.30 The Sullivens (7161569).

EastEnders (3855347). 1.00 All Creatures

Great and Small (7476163), 2.00 Dallas

(5382960). 2.55 The Bill (1633057). 3.25

(6895724), 4.55 EastEnders (2596434), 5.30 Wowlabgroovy (7328927), 6.00 All

7.00 The Comedy Alternative: Last of the

The Sili (7261347). 3.55 Juliet Bravo

Creatures Great and Small (7496927).

Summer Wine (4796279). 7.40 The

Comedy Alternative: Waiting for God

(5761182). 8.20 The Comedy Alternati

Butterflies (2651347), 9.00 One Foot in

the Grave (85th63), 9.40 Silent Witness

(9083366). 1L35 The BE (3584144).

12.05 The Bill (8850477). 12.35 Paul

6.00 Tiny Living (9416521). **9.00** Rolonda (2549237). **9.50** Jerry Springer

(3448366). 10.40 The Young and the

Restless (3327076). 11.35 Brookside (58557366). 12.05 Jimmy's (42686057).

12.35 Living issues (91794328). 1.00

Rescue 911 (8037298). 1.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (7946502). 2.05 Rolonda (3664989). 2.55 Living it Upi (19885714).

4.45 Tempestt (6562434). 5.35 Ready,

Springer Uncut (6894347). 7.00 Rescue

911 (7966328). **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (1745786). **8.00** Adrenalin

Junkies (1343540). 9.00 Film: Escape

Steady, Cook (2369618). 6.10 Jerry

Merton - the Series (5695093), 1.05

Spitting Image (3477212). 1.35

Shopping (95728767).

LIVING

Chelmsford 123 (76228545). 2.05

Equalizar (4469748), 2.55 - 7.00

7.00 Crossroads (2624279), 7.30

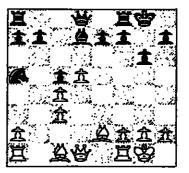
INDEPENDENT PURSUITS

CHESS WILLIAM HARTSTON

USUALLY WHEN a player nudges a knight's pawn one square forwards, it is a preparation for developing his bishop on the long diagonal. Sometimes (as in various ..b6 systems in the Queen's Gambit Declined) the primary idea is to support a later advance of the neighbouring bishop's pawn. Often, (as in the King's Indian, where g6 looks forward to both an immediate Bg7 and a later e5 and f5) both ideas are combined. When Anand played b6 in the

game that won him the Frankfurt Chess Classic, however, it was not his bishop or pawns, but his knight he was thinking about. In the diagram position, shortly after the opening, Anand seemed to be suffering for his willingness to part with the black-squared bishop. His attack against the doubled c-pawns is getting nowhere, and he faces a threatened attack with Bh6 followed, perhaps, by such moves as h4. h5. Bd3, Re1 and Qf3.

Anand found the perfect plan: his knight must return to aid the defence, so her played 13...b6! followed by Nb7, Nd6, f6 and Nf7. When the bishop had been driven away from h6, Black gradually took 15 Od2 Nb7 over the initiative. When 24...Bg4 came, with its threat of a rook in-**16** Rfe1 Nd6 vasion on e1, White's fell apart with 17 Bf1 f6 surprising rapidity. An interesting 18 Bf4 Nf7 game and a rare knight fianchetto. 19 g3 e5



White: V Kramnik Black: V Anand Five-minute play-off Frankfurt Chess Classic 1998

English Opening 20 dxe6 Bxe6 21 Oxds Raxds 2 c4 Nc6 22 Rad1 Rxd1 3 Nc3 g6 4 e3 Bg7 23 Rxd1 g5 5 d4 d6 24 Bc1 Bg4 6 d5 Bxc3+ 25 f3 Bxf3 7 bxc3 Na5 8 e4 Nf6 9 e5 dxe5 10 Nxe5 0-0 29 h3 h5 11 Be2 Nd7 **30** a4 a5 **12** Nxd7 Bxd7 13 0-0 b6 14 Bh6 Re8

26 Rd2 Re1 27 Bb2 Ne5 28 KP Rh1 31 Ba3 Kf7 32 Rh2 Ra1

33 Rh3 Bd1 34 Bb2 Bxb3

35 Bxa1 Bxa4 36 Bg2 Bc6 37 Bf1 Bd7 White resigned

BRIDGE ALAN HIRON

West

SOUTH'S LINE of play in his slam contract on this deal went some way towards improving his chances but it was not quite good enough. There was, in fact, a 100 per cent route to success.

South opened One Club and North forced with Two Spades. Unwilling to rebid his bad suit, in spite of its length, if a slam was in the offering, South temporised with Two No-trumps. He was reassured when North now bid Three Clubs, showing that his force had been based on a club fit. Well, South had excellent controls in the red suits and they soon reached Six Clubs against which West led # Q.

The 3-0 trump break was irritating but there were still plenty of chances. As you can see, a simple spade finesse would work - like the heart finesse, a 50 per cent chance - but the slightly better play of a ruffing finesse in the suit does not. Instead declarer drew a second round of trumps, cashed A.K. and ruffed a spade. In this way he would be home if ♠ Q fell in three and, if it did not, there would still be time to try the heart finesse. Nothing behaved, and the slam failed.

Declarer was certainly right to

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Game all; dealer South

start by playing a second trump and cashing A.K but now he should play off his winning diamonds and, if West has not been able to ruff. throw him in with his master trump. On lead, West would have the unappetising choices of conceding a ruff and discard, leading a heart into South's tenace, or playing a spade when, whoever held Q, a spade trick would be established in dummy for a heart discard.

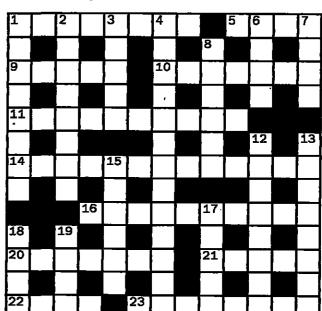
PUZZLE

WRITER and A NOVEL into a CAPITALS NOTED has the letters Scottish writer and his novel?

HOW CAN you turn A SCOTTISH Yesterday's answer: REMOTE of ASTEROID, PLANET, COMET

CONCISE CROSSWORD

No.3645 Wednesday 24 June



ACROSS

Underwear (8) In this place (4) Dreadful (5) 10 Liberty (7) 11 Written copy of legal pro-

ceedings (10) 14 Not deliberate (13) 16 Intolerable (10) 20 Chief (7) 21 Salt water (5)

22 Only a fish? (4) 23 Short plays (8)

DOWN

African capital (8) Beneath one's dignity (abbr.) Drying ovens (5) Dictionary, e.g. (9,4) Dangerous current (4) Trees (4) Home of Greek oracle (6) Socially pretentious (8) Stupid (at crosswords?) (8) 15 Bulk oil carrier (6) Disprove (5) Egyptian goddess (4) 19 Gernstone (4)

Solution to yesterday's Concise Cross

ACROSS: 1 Haste, 4 Axe (Haystacks), 7 Undo, 8 Gertrude, 9 Bunsen burner, 10 Degree, 13 Always, 15 Intelligence, 19 Premises, 20 Idol, 21 Mat, 22 Eager. DOWN: 1 Hindu, 2 Sponsor, 3 Elgin, 4 Aaron, 5 Elderly, 6 Trauma, 11 Epigram, 12 Enlist, 14 Weeping, 16 Tempt, 17 Issue. 18 Choir.

contentious issues surrounding the origins and display of ethnic collections abroad and hears from

11.30 Jazz Notes.

11.30 Frank Muir - a Kentish Lad 2.15 Afternoon Play: Retouching.

1.00 Wimbledon and World Cup SATELLITE AND CABLE

PICK OF THE DAY

SHOUTE ALIGN A QUARTER of a century after: all-American couple (Barry Show (8pm Sky Movies Gold) was first performed, the stage version of Richard O'Brien's comedy-horror musical continues to tour the country and pull in audiences dressed up in absurdly camp costumes. In His feats in what has gone down the film adaptation, directed by Jim Sharman, Tim Curry (right) makes a memorable Frank N Furter, the sexually outrageous doctor who shelters and then threatens to corrupt a square

The Rocky Horror Picture Bostwick and a young Susan Sarandon). O'Brien, meanwhile, has tremendous fun as Furter's henchman, Riff Raff. The quintessential cult movie. Has cricket known a more flamboyant showmen than Ian Rotham? in history as Botham's Ashes in 1981 are unlikely to be matched by a mere mortal. He is featured in Sportraits (3.30pm Sky Sports 3).

JAMES RAMPTON



5.00 First Flights (2002347). 5.30 History's Turning Points (7326589). 6.00 Animal Doctor (7316182). 6.30 Meerkats: A Kalahari Sega (2171892). 7.30 Disester (7303618). 8.00 Animal X (2091231). 8.30 Arthur C Clarke's Mysterious Universe (2010366). 9.00 Body by Nature (3266540), 10.00 The World's Most Dangerous Animals (3276927). **11.00** Outlaws (2631569) 12.00 First Flights (9032361). 12.30 Disaster (8030496). 1.00 Supertwins: Infants to Adults (3644903). 2.00 Close

7.00 Tattooed Teenage Alien Fighters from Beverly Hills (43569). 7.30 Games World (6569057). 7.45 The Simpsons (11347). 8.15 The Oprah Winfrey Show (1955279), 9.00 Hotel (57057), 10.00 Another World (11960), 11.00 Days of Our Lives (31724), 12.00 Married with Children (3388), 12.30 M*A*S*H (2723057), 12.55 The Special K Collection (31873778), 1.00 Geraldo 1823637), 2.00 Sally Jessy Rapheel (8827927), 2.55 The Special K Collection (4634298). **3.00** Jenny Jones (9194861). **3.55** The Special K Collection (4175724). 4.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (4245). 5.00 Star Treic Voyage (8724). 6.00 The Nanny (1521). 6.30 Married with Children (2873). 7.00 The Simpsons (7453), 7.30 The Simpsons (8057), 8.00 Stargate SG-1 (78328), 9.00 The Outer Limits (81892), 10.00 Friends (14618), 10.30 Friends (23366), 11.00 Star Treic

Voyager (29989). 12.00 Rads in Europe Liverpool 1963-1967 - the Wonder Years (25125). 12.30 The World at Their Feet (87477). **1.00 - 7.00** Long Play SKY SPORTS 1

7.00 Sky Sports Centre (3253298). 7.15 World Wrestling Federation Live Wire (339163), 8.15 Sky Sports Centre (2539786), 8.30 Racing News (78705) 9.00 Aerobics - Oz Style (89057). 9.30 Euro Tour Golf - Madelra Island Open (47298). 10.30 Cricket - Nat West Trophy Lancashire v Sussex (8583989). 2.30 Second Innings (2298). 3.00 Cricket Net West Trophy Lancashire v Sussex (7236521). 7.30 Sky Sports Centre (3163), 8.00 Snooker (38724), 10.00 World Cup Phone-in (719521), 10.45 Sky Sports Centre (924434), 11.00 World of Super League with Eddle and Stevo (28705), 1.00 Sky Sports Centre (7314496) 145 Spooker (950922) 345 World Cup Phone-in (3717941). 4.00 Sky Sports Centre (34550903). 4.15 Close. SKY SPORTS 2

7.00 Aerobics - Oz Style (8792873), 7.30 Sky Sports Centre (6727279), 7.45 Racing News (3623095), 8.15 Sportrai (1481076), 8.45 Sky Sports Centre (9767095), 9.00 Fish TV The Ultime Fishing Show (8788144), 9.30 Fish TV Fiv Fishing (4725705). 10.00 State Internetional Masters (4745569), 12.00 Aerobics - Oz Style (8708908), 12.30 Euro Tour Golf - Madeira Island Ocen Euro Tour Golf - Madeira Island Open (2870540). 1.30 Golf Extra (5612182).

4.30 Snooker (5500927), 6.30 The Winning Post (5391683). 8.30 Golf Extra (6392705). 11.30 European Tour Weekly (8728502). 12.00 Fastrax (8243274). 12.30 Sky Sports Centre (9607458)

SKY SPORTS 3 12.00 World Wrestling Federation Shotgun (62131415). 1.00 Fish TV - Tony Dean Outdoors (50430144). 1.30 Fish TV (62151279). 2.00 Superbouts De la Hoya v Molina (64967250). **3,00** Rugby Union Classics Wales v New Zealand (6617811). 3.30 Sportraits See Pick of the Day (36059724). 4.00 Watersports World 62795960). **5.00** World Wrestling Federation Shotgun (68108163). 6.00 Festrax (38055906). 6.30 European Tour Weekly (36039960). 7.00 Euro Tour Golf ira Island Open (48202095). 8.00 World of Super League with Eddle and Stevo (48282231). 10.00 Greatest Moments in Sport (30126989), 10.30 Dickle Davies's Sporting Heroes John Surtees (11305811). 11.30 Close.

12.45 Watersports World (8685564). 1.45 Sky Sports Centre (57552670). 2.00

EUROSPORT

6.00 Football: World Cup 98 (63163). 7.30 Football: World Cup 98 (8844873). 11.00 Football: World Cup 98 (86296). 12.00 Football: World Cup 98 (81540) 1.30 Cycling (18298). 2.30 Football: World Cup 98 South Africa v Saudi Arabla (766231). 5.00 Football: World Cup 98 France v Denmark (88182), 7.00 Football: World Cup 98 (4183), 7.30

from Terror: the Teresa Stamper Story (1994) (1353927). 11.00 Sex Life Down 9.00 Film: Judy: Babes in Arms* (1939) (48289144). 11.00 Film: Judy: Sabes on Broadway* (1941) (39648 1.15 Film: Once a Thief* (1965) Arrow (1964) (63362274). 5.00 Close.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

IRELAND As BBC1 London except: .30 - 7.00 Newstre 6.30 COTLAND As BBC1 London except: .00 News 6.30 - 7.00 Reporting cotland; Weather

ALES As BBC1 London sucept: 6.30
7.00 Wales Today 12.40 Weish
uestions 12.40 Film: Shaft in Africa
30 - 6.00 Joins BBC News 24

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GENTRAL

As Cariton except: 12.20 Cantral
News and Weather (8902255). 12.30
ITN News; Weather (84328). 1.00 A
Country Practice: Janey Brown, a
woman with learning difficulties in her
late fortles, comes into the clinic for one
of her regular bi-annual check-ups with
Dr Harry Morrison (77502). 3.20 Central
News (8614386). 5.10 Shortland Street
(3854453). 6.00 Home and Away
(81989). 6.25 Central News (904618).
10.30 Central News, Weather and
Travel Update (734873). 4.20 Jobfinder
(3751274). 5.20 Astan Eye (5804106).

As Cariton except: 10.10 This Morning (18886434). 12.15 HTV News (1821347). 1.00 Shortland Street: It's second time kucky for Kirsty and Lional, while Johnny feels paternal and Hone is under investigation (77502). 1.30 Home and Away (26927). 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (470869). 3.20 HTV News (8814366). 5.10 Yan Can Cook-the Best of China (3854453). 6.00 Home and Away (516369). 6.25 Wales Tonight (904619). 10.30 HTV News (734873). 4.20 Nightscreen (8259019). 5.00 Coronation Street (29090).

As HTV Wales except: 5.10 Sorted: Lucy Cave hosts a programme in which teenagers tell each other how to handle life, love and everything (3854453), 6.25 HTV West Weather (424057), 6.30 West Toright (325347).

MERIDIAN
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Morning (18868434), 12.35 Meridian
News and Weather (1821347), 1.00
Shortland Street (77502), 1.30 Home
and Away (26927), 2.00 The Jerry
Springer Show (447089), 3.20 Meridian
News and Weather (9844366), 5.37
Three Minutes (542892), 6.00 Meridian
Tonight and Weather (394251), 6.20
Alfresco - Outdoor Esting: Helen
Atidnson Wood presents a guide to the
best places for outdoor eating this
summer (825637), 10.30 Meridian News
and Weather (734873), 11.55 The Road
Show (982144), 11.45 Renegade: Drama
series about an ex-cop, on the run after
being wrongly accused of murder
(772569), 12.45 Soundbites (3147835),
4.20 Planet Rock Profiles (92395380), (772989) 12.45 Soundbites (3147835). 4.20 Planet Rock Profiles (92395380). 4.50 ITV Nightscreen (42782477). 5.00 Freescreen (29090).

WESTCOUNTRY
As Cartton except: 10.40 This
Morning: Magazine programme with
Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan.
Featuring star guests, celebrity chat,
cockery, beauty and health tips
(1886434), 12.15 Westcountry News
(1821347), 12.27 Small Talk, Big Talk:
The pupils of Kings School in Plymouth
celebrate Fathers' Day with poetry,
prayers and splashes of colour
(3057304), 1.00 Emmerdale (77502),
3.20 Westcountry News (9814366),
6.00 Westcountry Live (874569), 10.30
Westcountry News (734873), 4.20
Planet Rock Profiles (92395380), 4.50
ITV Nightscreen (42782477), 5.00 WESTCOUNTRY TV Nightscreen (42782477). 5.00 Coronation Street (29090).

YORKSHIRE
As Cariton except: 10.10 This
Morning (18886434). 12.15 Calendar
News and Weather (1821347). 1.00
Home and Away (39274627). 1.25 The
Jerry Springer Show: Outrageous
American talk show (7916057). 2.10
Emmerdale (9164808). 3.20 Calendar
News (8814366). 5.40 News; Weather
(775892). 5.35 Calendar (412611). 6.15
Tonight (553417). 10,30 Calendar News
(734873). 4.20 Jobfinder (8338545).

As Yorkshire except: 12.15 North East News (1830095). 12.25 Jobink (3057304). 3.20 North East News and Weather (8814366). 5.55 North East Weather (539325). 6.00 North East Tonight (874569). 10.30 North East News and Weather (734673).

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As Channel 4 except: 12.00 Ricki Lake (56057). 12.30 Sesame Street (25298). 1.00 Slot Meithrin: Caffi Sali Mali a Smot y Ci (75144). 1.30 Film: Carrington VC: David Niven defends himself at a court-martial in solid himself at a court-martial in solid theatrical warhorse (16347). 4.30 Countdown (724). 5.00 SPump: Nics Nain (9877908). 5.15 SPump: Fiell (7701796). 6.30 Newyddion 8 (287453). 6.30 Heno (861095). 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (750279). 7.25 garej (955453). 8.30 Hawlio (8589). 8.30 Newyddion (7076). 9.00 Miami Spica (7298). 9.30 Friends (48714). 10.00 Brootside: Are Jason and Katrina melking the right decision? Can Sinbad cope without Carmel? (902279). 10.35 Ally McBeal (889889). 11.30 Film: Cyrano de Bergerac: Exuberant tragi-comic costume romp (10569298). 2.05 Close.

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THOMAS SUTCLIFFE TELEVISION REVIEW

NOCENT? It's hard to hat any viewer of ashir's interview with to me that a guilty person would either have exoner

rtin Bashir's interview with uise Woodward didn't ask uise Woodward didn't ask question, and more than ce at that. And, in one pect, the answer was equivocally "no". Two years equivocally "no". Two years of being press attenden and criminal becadure, two years of being the wronged horolne and feeling villain, would be a werful education in public afformance for anyono, and, Monday night's Panorama 18C1) showed, Woodward has aduated with honours. into your home" and her insistence that she only talked on the phone when the children ware.

Whatever innocence she had as an 18-year-old has long gone. The young woman you saw here was self-possessed and articulate, in control of her own emotions – there were none of the nervous smiles and girlish laughter that marked her interview with David Jessel some months ago. This may have been partly because the stakes were upped on this occasion – Jessel's many partly because the stakes were upped on this occasion – Jessel's manner was openly sympathetic, whereas Bashir took a more dispassionately interrogative line – but it was also to do with the fact that she's learned more dispassionately interrogative line – but it was also to do with the fact that she's learned more dispassionately interrogative line – but it was also to do with the fact that she she it is not a laways in her interest – the ordeal of examination.

This sophistication is not always in her interest – the public who responded sentimentally to the tabloid sentimentally to the tabloid pictures of a hounded child in handcuffs may have recoiled a little at the spectacle of an adult at ease with the language of technical defence. "I felt that If presented a case to at least pose reasonable doubt... that I'd be believed," she said, a remark which will have sounded too tactical for those who want an anguished cry of denial. She knows this can be a liability – her demeanour in the witness box did not satisfy the American taste for emotional display – but she still declines to water her arguments with the encounter with Diana (there wither there with might have been a knowing performance, but it was nowhere near as thespian as its famous predecessor.

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account of the last day (not to mention common sense about the habits of 18-year-old girls). But these were the prevarications of an advision trouble, not prevarications of an adolescent in trouble, not a killer: The interview finished with a perfect soundished "I don't know what happened, all I / What happeneu, zu . v is what didn't happen" - a

intriguing account of sexual differences in brain structure made a solid case that men are farmade a solid case that men are farmade a solid case that men are farbetter at languages. I hadn't thought of froning as being principally a verbal task, but perhaps men are just good at being in another space altogether when the ironing has to be done. The ironing has to be done. The ironing has to be done. The investigation of biological differences between the sexes is always fraught with political anxieties and Anne Moir's series actually opened with an apologia for study in this field. "To do an experiment where you find a difference is not to create the difference," pointed out one researcher. Indeed, as demonstrated by the school in which boys are taught in ways that take into account their low

cognised by whoever edited e raw tape ~ but which had en supplied by an terviewee now familiar with e appetites of interviewers. It out prove conclusive in any her way, naturally, but I

s famous pieusconner hat consistency of manner has consistency of manner ues in favour of her honesty, lnk, as does the ambiguity

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (88057), 7.00 News (T) (88347). 9.00 All over the Shop (F) (B) (1788182), 9.20 Kilroy (S) (T) (1514298), 10.00 The General (S) (47873), 10.30 Cart Cook, Won't Cook (S) (T) (82086), 11.00 News; Regional News; Weather (T) (2058827), 11.05 The Regional Newe; Weather (T) (2058927). 11,05 The Really Useful Show (S) (T) (1899637). 12,00 News; Regional Newe; Weather (T) (4302291). 12,05 Wipsour (S) (357453). 12,30 Neighbours (S) (T) (8973078). 12,55 Well Worth a Viait (R) (6) (4609562). 1,00 New Weather (T) (82434). 1,30 Regional News and Weather (97125057). 1,40 The Weather, Show (S) (78289673).

bledon 98. Second-round coverage (505144)

game will decide who tops Group C (kick-off at 3pm).
And unless the French put several past Peter Schmelchel (and South Africa wallop Saudi Arable),

6.00 News; Weather (T) (278). **5.00 Children's BBC:** Newsround (8) (T) (6256601), **5.10**Blue Pater (S) (T) (6077569), **5.35** Neighbours (5'4618),

6,30 Regional News (T) (231).

7.00 Summer Hollday. The Great Barrier Reef, family hollday bargains in Bulgaria, horse riding in Ireland, and the Costa del Soi (S) (T) (9811).

7.30 Tomorrow's World. A special edition from Hollywood previews the special effects in this summer's blockbusters (S) (T) (415).

OHOME Diames My Sister, the Princess. Sally Magnusson interviews Charles Spencer a week before Althorp is opened to the public. See Interview of the Day, below (5) (1) (404705).

8.45 The Nettonal Lottery Draw, Ricky Martin sings the official World Cup song – oh dear – and pop duo Sprinkler do their thing (S) (T) (580927).

9.00 News; Regional News; Weather (T) (4960).

Out of Hours. This new Cesualty-style drama concludes its first series (but undoubtedly not its last) with Cathy (Lindsey Coulson) trapped in a life-and-death situation in a flat (S) (T) (833415).

11.40 World Cup 98 - Metch of the Day. Highlights of the Group C and Group D deciders (S) (T) (286415). The Human Body. Humans are, appearantly, the only mammals to five beyond their child-bearing years, which right explain why very few cats or whales take up gardening and bowling. In the penultimate programme in his popular biology series, Professor Robert Winston excisins why baldness and wrinkles set in (S) (T) (533163).

12,10 GIODE Shaft in Africa (John Guillermin 1973 US). The fast of the "Shaft" trilogy, starring Richard Roundtree as the blaxpiolitation private eye. See Film of the Day, below (T) (636/87).

2.05 Joins BBC News 24 (28377748). To 8.00am.

BBC2

7.00 Children's BBC: Teletubbles (S) (2722837), 7.25 Goober and the Chost Chasers (4824182), 7.45 Bright Sparks (7717827), 8.10 Yogi's Space (Race (7910250),

8,35 The Record (S) (4088980). **9.00** Yesterday at Wimbledon (S) (15057). **10.00** Teletubbles (S) (45415).

10.30 IIIM Ruby Gentry (King Vidor 1952 US). Sweaty soep operation in South Carolina from the director of Duel in the Sun, which also starred Jennifer Jones, Here, Jones pieys a dirt-poor swamp girl who marries the richest man in town, is widowed, and starts avenging hereit on all those who did her wrong. Top of her list is former beau, Chariton Heston (7) (805)231).

Wimbledon 98. Sue Barker and Steve Rider introduce live action, news and results from the third day of the championships. The men are back in the show courts for their second-round matches, with Sampres, Agessi and Britain's Tim Henrian hopping the spotlight.

Commentary by John Barrett, John Alexander, Chris

ity Women. Prunella Scales is the first of three sots in this new Herces of Comedy-style series - sugh Scales herself cleims to be far less amusing some of her scripts. Flohard Briers, John Cleese and ests husband, Timothy West, contribute (S) (T) (2908).

9.30 Today at Wimbledon. Sue Barker introduces highlights of the third-day's play at Wimbledon (S) (T) (62386).

10.30 Newsnight. Jeremy Paxman (T) (312417).

10.30 London Tonight (T) (734873).

s) Weather (1) (89144).

Hade In Manchester (S) (985818). 11.45 Lost In France (S) (7) (822105), 12.00 The Michight Hour (87187), 12.30 BBC Learning Zone: Open University: Does Science Matter? (28477). 1.30 Seeing with Electrons (88458). 2.00 Schools: Science (17477), 4.00 World Cup French: Get By in French Part 2 (36019), 5.00 Business and Training: FICN Nursing Update (4811903). 5.45 Open University: The Mammallan Kidney

11.50 Lifeline (S) (T) (7/32502), 12.00 Wimbledon 98 (S) (37945304), 2.45 Westminster with Anne Mackenzie (S) (T) (2152162), 3.30 News; Regional News; Weather (T) (6030811).

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9.00 Fawity Towers. "The Hotel Inspectors". Complementing the above profile of Prunella Scales, an episode of the classic Seventies sitcom (R) (T) (2502).

9.30 Vanessa (S) (T) (1660908), **10,10** This Morning (T) (4(99860), **9.30** Vanessa (S) (T) (1660908), **10,10** This Morning (T) (39623602), **12.20** Your Shout (8902255), **12.30** News; Weather (T) (84328), **1.00** London Today (T) (77602), **1.30** The Jerry Springer Show (S) (T) (5344540), **2.15** Home and Away (S) (T) (748637), **2.45** Waffle (S) (T) (747908), **3.15** ITN News Headlines (T) (8817453), **3.20** London Today (T) (8814366),

.40 News) Weather (T) (498960).

.20 London Bridge. Capital scap. Ravi advises Diane to get her divorce in Ghana (S) (825637).

7.20 Goronation Street. Nick tells the police everything (T) (874298).

.40 Fantasy World Cup Live. Carol Vorderman and Bradley Welsh take to the sofa (331927).

Weekly Planet. Is sport today's colonialism? (984748).

1.35 **INVIT** Angels Wash Their Faces (Ray Enright 1839 US). Ronald Reagan joins the Dead End Kids in a sequel to the Cagney classic, *Angels with Dirty* Faces (230745).

3.10 **IIIIII Castle on the Mudeon** (Anatole Litvak 1940 US). John Garileld prison drame (5902632). To 4,30am.

9.00 Idling Madison Avenue (H Bruce Humberstone 1962 US). Modest but tightly organised drama about the machinetions of New Yorks advertising industry. Dana Andrews is the sacked executive out for revenge. Eleanor Parker and Jeanne Crain co-star (48905927).

7.00 The Big Breakfast (S) (72057).

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THE WEDNESDAY REVIEW
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.10 Home and Away. Aaron and Tom ask Joey for help dealing with Leila. Got that? (S) (T) (3854453).

.00 London Tonight. Regional news update for the capital and the South-East (T) (884231).

3.50 Emmerdale. Biff discovers he has a romantic Surely not Whallop (S) (T) (438250).

10.00 Ally McBeal. Callete Flockhart is a brave piece of casting because she is far too pretty and her characters. way too capable to find a constituency out there in Bridget Jones land. This week, she is asked to spee the funeral of her former professor (S) (T) (260705).

11.30 Barking (69095). tile to Grave: Foot and Hardy. Paul Foot and my Hardy investigate the NHS (S) (223569).

IZIMI From the Files of Joseph Wambaugh: a Jury of One (Alan Metzger 1992 US), A drunk LAPD detective re-evaluates his life (T) (723748).

6.50 Fresh Pop. Bands Introduce their own videos. Thank you. Next please (R) (S) (T) (578502).

7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather. Including headlines at 7.30pm (5) (7) (7827).

8.00 Brookside. Mersey misery. Rom is cliegusted with Mike and redundancy forms for Oille (3) (7) (8568).

8,30 The Italian Kitchein. Buth Rogers and Rose Gray turn their attention to poultry and game, and then visit Modena – home of balsamic vinegar (8) (1) (7078).

11.15 **EIM Quickwandr No Recape** (Michael Preseman 1961 US). Donald Sutherland is sultably evil in this abovepar thriller about a private eye who blackmafis a woman who has hired him to spy on her husband (381908).

Fantasy World Cup Live (9403477). **3.20** Cybernet (57592854). **3.45** Vanessa (R) (1012125). To 4.20am.

ITV Carlton

Children's ITV: Potamus Park (R) (S) (9804989), 3.35 Titch (R) (S) (8759882), 3.45 Sim Pig (R) (8748328), 4.00 Chatterhappy Ponies (R) (S) (T) (658863), 4.10 Carfield and Friends (R) (6562347), 4.20 Weiter Melon (T) (5755980), 4.45 The Scoop (S) (T) (5543989).

10.45 So You Want to Keep Your Hair (R) (6674958).
11.00 Fully Stories (7434). 11.30 Powerhouse (8163).
12.00 Sesame Street (S) (66057). 12.30 Light Lunch (2682). 1.30 Fishing the Sice-Black River (21608502). EIIM The Iron Maiden (Gerald Thomas 1982 UK). Rusty old comedy in which aircraft designer Michael Craig gets into trouble with his bosses because of his love of old steamfollers (80393521).

3.30 Watercolour Challenge (1) (705). **4.00** Fifteen to One (5) (1) (540). **4.30** Countdown (5) (1) (5546078). **4.55** Fickl Lake (5) (1) (7318057).

5.30 Pet Rescue (S) (T) (786).

6.00 Party of Five. Cute import about some self-sufficient orphans. Julia, Charile and Balley try leaving their troubles behind by revisiting a childhood vacation spot (S) (T) (885811).

6.30 Farnity Attairs. Nick discovers Liem's girlifiend is an escort girl. Eddle is norrifled by the sight of Angus in his golf get-up. Sounds more fun than EastEnders (9723601).

7.00 5 News, including First on Five. Kirsty Young shows us round the studio (S) (T) (2310219).

6.00 100 Per Cent. Three more detainese – sorry contestarts – head for the isolation tanks (S) (9923809)

5.10 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Oprah explains why worrying can be unhealthy (S) (138434).

3.30 IFINE All the Young Men (Hall Bartlett 1960 US).
Platitudinous Korean Wer drama about raclet tensions that develop when a black sergeant (Skiney Politer, naturally) takes command of a group of white marines. Politer wins the respect of resentful NCO Alan Ladd when he gives blood. All very symbolic (8409705).

(3) (1) (4262618). **12.30** Family Affairs (S) (T) (4169231). **1.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8125182). **1.30** Sons and Daughters (4168502). **2.00** 100 Per Cent Gold (S) (6066183). **2.30** Open House with Gloria Hunniford (S) (9298386).

7.30 The Pepsi Chart. Space, DesiRee and the Corrs are the guests (S) (3323665).

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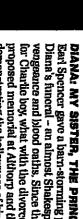
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12.05 Major League Baseball - Live (S) (24289106) 4. 6 Madman of the People (13446187). To 505em.

MATCH OF THE DAY

SPAIN VS BULGARIA (750pm ITV, right) England are not the only European power who find themselves with a sticky final group match. In fact, Spain and USA 94 semi-finalists Bulgaria have a harder task in front of them than Glenn Hoddle's men, both needing to win in Lens tonight (hdck-off at 8pm) to be sure of progressing. In fact, Group D is living up to its pre-tournament tag as the "group of death", which makes Nigeria's achievement so far all the more remarkable. They have a simultaneous kick-off against Paragusy in





INTERVIEW OF THE DAY THE PRINCESS (Bom BBC1, right)
n-storming performance at Princess
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in the divorce case, criticisms of his

FILM OF THE DAY

SHAFT IN AFRICA (12:10am BBC1, right) In the third of the sasy and ultra-violent Singl trilogy, Richard Roundtree's black private detective is lifted from his well-ploughed inner-city ghetto rut and put to work in the wider world of an Africa

